

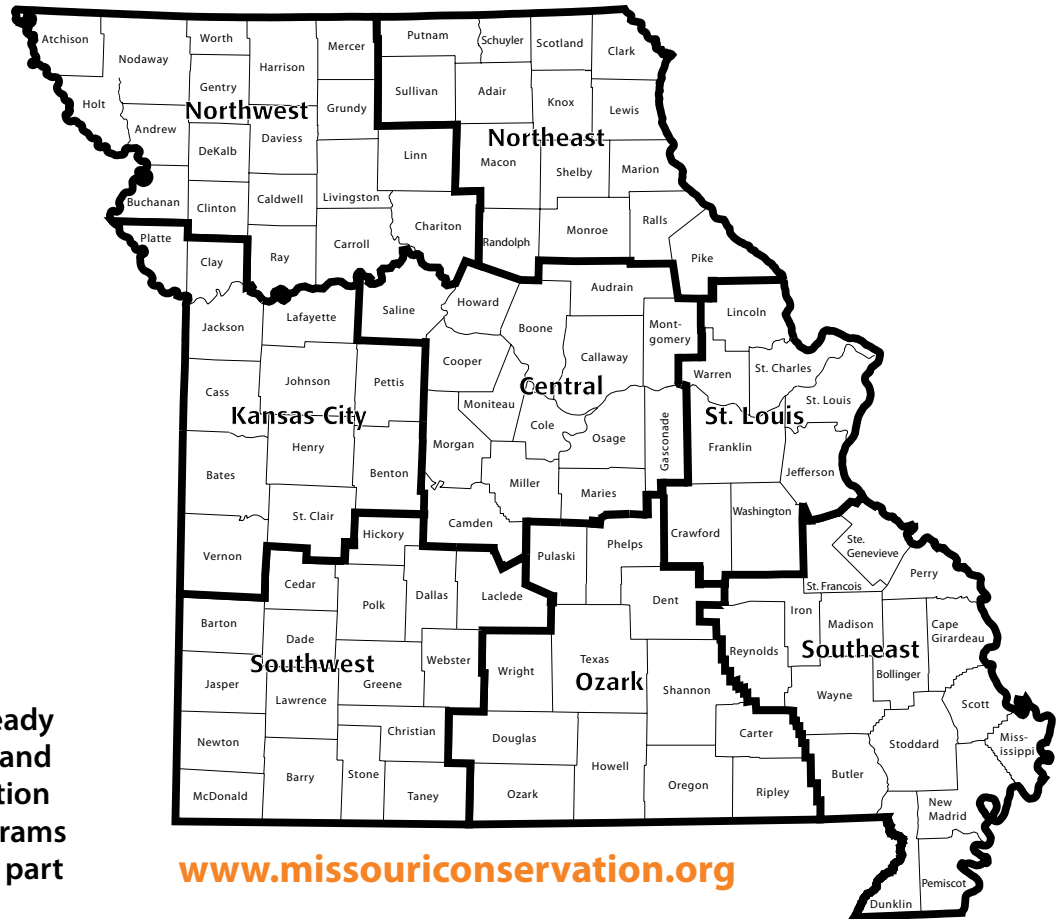


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2009 Fall Deer & Turkey

Hunting Regulations and Information
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

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- ▶ 2008 Deer Season Harvest data by county
- ▶ area maps of conservation lands
- ▶ live telecheck results by county
- ▶ outdoor skills classes
- ▶ hunter-education classes

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What's New for 2009

- To provide better management and quality hunts, methods and seasons may be restricted on some conservation areas and some area regulations have changed from last year. Also, new areas have been added. Check pages 34–42 to plan the type of hunt you enjoy.
- The Youth Deer & Turkey Hunting Permit and the Youth Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit are no longer available; however, resident and nonresident youth may purchase deer and turkey hunting permits at reduced costs. Youth Deer & Turkey Hunting Permits purchased during the 2009 spring turkey season remain valid for the 2009 fall firearms deer and turkey hunting seasons. See pages 22–24.
- Youth must be at least 6 years old to receive landowner permits.
- Reduced-cost nonresident landowner permits are no longer available.
- The antlerless portion of the firearms deer season is immediately after the November portion. The order of the muzzleloader and antlerless portions have been reversed.
- When mentoring a firearms hunter who is not hunter-education certified and not hunting on a landowner permit, all mentors, including landowners on their own land, must be at least 18 years old and hunter-education certified unless they were born before Jan. 1, 1967.
- Qualifying nonresident students may purchase resident permits, except lifetime permits. See page 22.
- Areas included in the urban zones portion of the firearms deer season no longer follow county lines. See maps on page 12.
- New areas with an antler-point restriction include Ste. Genevieve County and the portions of Cass and Jefferson not included in the new urban deer zones. See page 4.
- The portion of Franklin County in the St. Louis urban deer zone is no longer under an antler restriction.
- Archery antlerless deer permits may be used in Cape Girardeau County.
- Air-powered guns may be used during firearms managed deer hunts.

Thinking about a timber harvest on your land?

To keep your woods healthy and to improve wildlife habitat, get the help of a professional forester before you cut.

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1st Turkey and Deer Awards

Hunters can commemorate their first harvest with a certificate suitable for framing. Fill out the application and send it in with a photo if you want one included on the certificate. The applications are available at: **mhc.mo.gov/803** for deer and **mhc.mo.gov/806** for turkey. Or contact First Deer/Turkey Certificate, Missouri Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180 or call (573) 522-4115, ext. 3293.

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

Feral hogs destroy wildlife habitat: Shoot 'em on sight!

Habitat for turkey, quail and other nesting birds is being destroyed by a non-native species—feral hogs. Since the days of open range, a few Missouri counties have had populations of domestic wild hogs. In recent years some people have illegally introduced hogs that have been crossed with the European boar strain to produce animals that reproduce prolifically and have strong survival instincts that make them especially wary. Populations of feral hogs have been reported in 20 counties primarily south of Highway 50, with estimated numbers of more than 5,000.

A feral hog is defined as any hog, including Russian and European wild boar, that is not conspicuously identified by ear tags or other forms of identification and is roaming freely upon public or private lands without the landowner's permission. They can:

- be aggressive and may attack, especially when protecting their young.
- spread diseases to humans, pets and domestic animals.
- damage crops, vineyards and forest land.
- contribute to soil erosion and siltation of streams.

- destroy natural communities.
- compete with native wildlife, such as turkeys, for food.
- eat anything they can catch, including reptiles, amphibians, deer fawns, bird eggs and newly born livestock.

How hunters can help

Intense hunting pressure has helped reduce the number of feral hogs in Missouri. However, because of high reproductive rates of around 12 piglets a year, populations grow rapidly if left unchecked.

- If you kill a feral hog on public land or on private land where you have permission to hunt, you are not liable for the loss of the animal if someone claims ownership.
- If you see a feral hog while hunting other game, shoot it on sight!
- If you see someone releasing hogs, report them immediately.

Feral hog hunting and harvesting tips

- Feral hogs are not native to Missouri, and can be taken in any number at any time, but certain restrictions apply during firearms deer and turkey

hunting seasons. See below.

- Before shooting, however, be certain the hog is feral and is not escaped livestock.
- Because feral hogs move frequently in response to hunting pressure and food sources, local conservation agents cannot provide specific site locations.
- Most opportunities to shoot feral hogs are limited to public lands in Mark Twain National Forest and in Phelps, Pulaski, Texas, Iron, Reynolds, Barry and Stone counties; and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers properties around Stockton, Truman, Wappapello and Table Rock lakes. Check with area managers for special regulations.
- For best results, use a repeating fire-arm suitable for deer hunting. If using muzzleloaders or bows, hunt from tree stands for extra safety.
- Wear plastic or rubber gloves while dressing wild hogs. Bury the offal to prevent disease to other animals.
- Don't feed raw meat or organs to pets or livestock.
- As with all pork, cook the meat thoroughly before eating.

Feral hog regulations for firearms deer and turkey hunting seasons

Feral hogs may be taken in any number throughout the year. During most of the year, no permit is required and any method, including baiting and the use of dogs, is allowed. However, special restrictions apply during the fall firearms deer and turkey hunting seasons.

During all portions of the fall firearms deer season:

- ▶ you must possess a valid, unfilled firearms deer or small game hunting permit;
- ▶ you must abide by the methods of pursuit allowed for deer listed on page 11.
- ▶ you must abide by any other restrictions that may apply on specific public areas.

During the **November portion** statewide and the **antlerless portion** in open areas:

- ▶ if you have a deer permit you may only use methods allowed for deer;
- ▶ if you have a small game permit you may only use a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire cartridge or a shotgun with shot not larger than No. 4;
- ▶ you may not use dogs to pursue feral hogs during these portions of the firearms deer season.

During the **youth and muzzleloader portions** statewide, and the **urban zones portion** in open areas:

- ▶ if you have a deer permit you may use methods allowed for deer;
- ▶ if you have a small game permit you may use methods allowed for small game.

During the fall firearms turkey hunting season:

- ▶ if you are hunting on a Fall Firearms Turkey Hunting Permit, you may only use methods allowed for turkey.
- ▶ if you are hunting on a small game hunting permit, you may use methods allowed for small game.

Note: Resident landowners and lessees on their land are not required to have any permit, and they may use any method or means to take feral hogs throughout the year, including during all portions of the firearms deer and turkey hunting seasons.

- ▶ Report sightings by calling (573) 522-4115, ext. 3147.
- ▶ For more information, go to: **mdc.mo.gov/7849**.

Antler-point restriction improves hunting satisfaction

An experimental rule requiring antlered deer to have a minimum of four points on at least one side to be harvested was implemented in 29 counties in 2004. Part of the experimental counties were in northern Missouri and were mostly agricultural land with generally high deer densities. A central group of counties was Ozark fringe where deer densities were more moderate.

The objectives of the antler-point restriction included increasing the doe harvest where needed so that deer populations could be effectively managed and to allow more bucks to attain an older age because hunters increasingly want to see and possibly harvest older bucks with larger antlers. The first objective was achieved only in the central group of counties where doe harvest increased an average of 13 percent annually. The restriction seemed to have no effect on doe harvest in northern counties, but it did produce more adult bucks (at least 2 1/2 years old), increasing by 36 percent during the last year of the study.

We use random mail surveys and input through direct contacts (mail, internet, phone, public meetings) to gauge hunter and landowner attitudes toward a variety of deer issues, including the antler-point restriction. In general, when deer numbers support the restriction, hunters and landowners like the four-point rule. The first year can be rough for some hunters, however, because most 1 1/2 year old bucks are protected and older buck numbers have not built up in the population yet. As seasons progressed, however, we saw hunter and landowner acceptance of the regulation increase to the point that by the last year of the study, over 70 percent favored the antler-point restriction in many counties.

The biological results suggested that an antler-point restriction may not be appropriate in counties with low deer densities and where additional doe harvest is not desired. Generally in these counties most hunters did not want an antler-point restriction. Using biological information and hunter and landowner

acceptance of an antler restriction, in 2008 we expanded the four-point restriction to include 65 counties. The St. Louis and Kansas City areas were not included because we did not want to protect a segment of the deer population that can cause considerable problems in an urban setting. In 2009 with the creation of urban zones, a few changes were made in the antler-point restriction, including adding parts of Cass and Jefferson counties and all of Ste. Genevieve County. The northeastern corner of Franklin County that had been under the restriction was removed because it now is part of the St. Louis urban zone. We will continue to annually monitor the effects of the restriction and the public's acceptance and make adjustments when necessary.



Don't hunt over bait

Turkey and deer may not be hunted with the aid of bait. If you put out food for deer or turkey in an area you intend to hunt, be sure to mark your calendars with a date to remove all food. See below for guidelines on baiting.

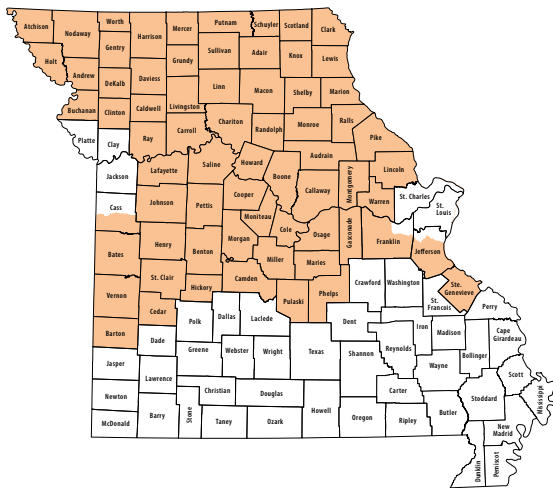
- ▶ Use of bait while hunting—which includes grain or other feed placed or scattered so as to attract deer or turkeys—is illegal.
- ▶ An area is considered baited for 10 days even after complete removal of the bait.
- ▶ A hunter can be in violation even if he or she did not know an area was or is baited.
- ▶ It is illegal to place bait in a way that causes others to be in violation of the baiting rule.
- ▶ Doe urine and other scents such as apple, acorn and persimmon may be used to attract deer while hunting, as long as the scents are not used on or with grain and other food products.
- ▶ Mineral blocks, including salt, are not considered bait, however, mineral blocks that contain grain or other food additives are prohibited.
- ▶ It is legal to hunt over a harvested crop field, but it is not legal to add grain or other crops such as apples to the field after it has been harvested.
- ▶ Manipulating crops, such as mowing or knocking them down, is not considered baiting for deer and turkey; however it is illegal to hunt waterfowl over manipulated crops.



Antler-point Restriction in Selected Areas

In the following areas shown in orange on the map below, only bucks that have at least four antler points on one side of their rack may be taken during the archery and firearms deer hunting seasons (except the youth portions):

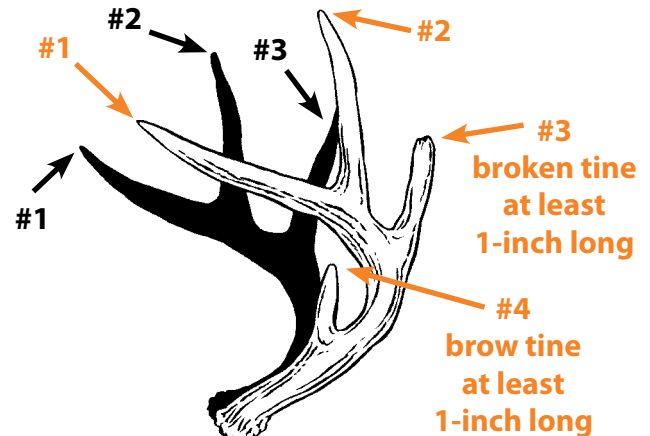
- Counties of Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Audrain, Barton, Bates, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Caldwell, Callaway, Camden, Carroll, Cedar, Chariton, Clark, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Daviess, DeKalb, Gasconade, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Howard, Johnson, Knox, Lafayette, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Maries, Marion, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Nodaway, Osage, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Pulaski, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Ray, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, St. Clair, Ste. Genevieve, Sullivan, Vernon, Warren and Worth
- Portions of Cass, Franklin and Jefferson counties NOT included in the urban zones. See description of boundaries on page 12.



How to count points

In areas shown in orange on the map to the left, an antlered deer must have at least four points on one side to be taken. Each of the following counts as a point:

- an antler point, if it is at least 1-inch long
- the brow tine, if it is at least 1-inch long
- the end of the main beam
- any broken tine that is at least 1-inch long.



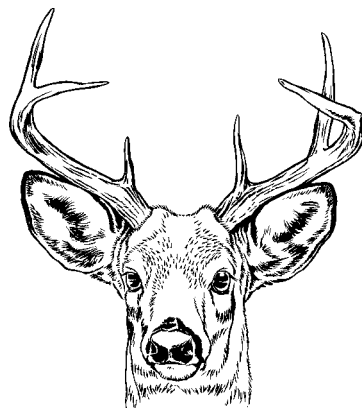
Tines, main beams and brow tines all count as a point if they are at least 1-inch long. A buck with the seven-point rack above with three points on one side (labeled in black) and four on the other (labeled in orange) is a legal deer in the areas shown in orange on the map to the left. **Note:** If you harvest a buck that has shed its antlers or broken the antlers off less than 3 inches from their base, record the harvest on Telecheck as an antlered buck with 0 points.

Hunting tips for areas with antler-point restriction

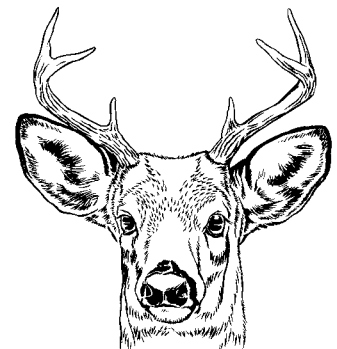
Bring binoculars and give yourself plenty of time to count antler points before you take a shot. Wait for a buck that has at least four points on one side.



Successful hunters wait for the best shot—when the deer turns broadside. Learn to recognize antlers from this view to minimize errors in the field.



Don't be fooled by size. The buck on the left has a large rack; but it has only three points on each side, just like the one on the right. Both of these deer are illegal under the four-point restriction.



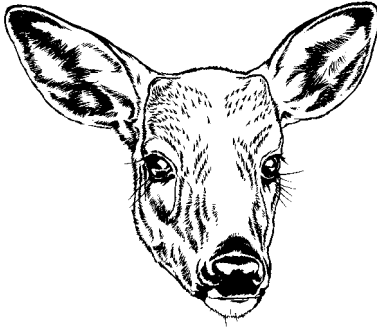
Legal to take

Does, button bucks and bucks with spikes less than 3 inches are legal to take on Antlerless or Any-Deer Permits; but for deer management, it is better to take does.

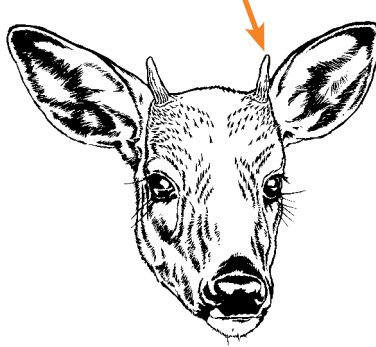
All does



Button bucks

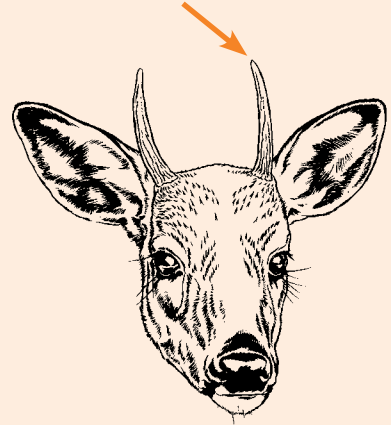


Bucks with spikes less than 3 inches long



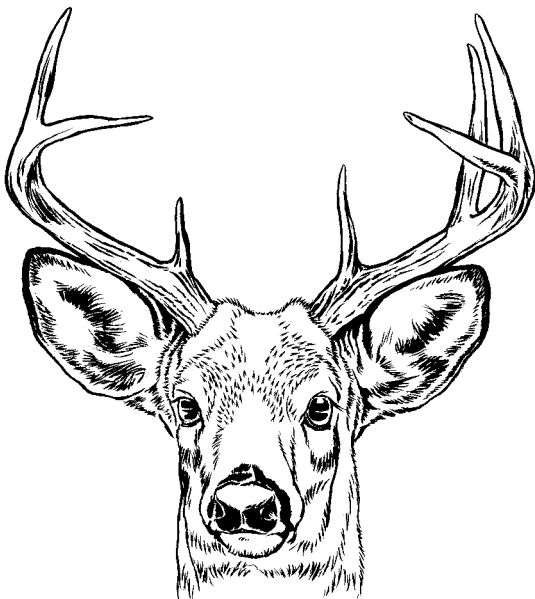
Protected

spikes 3 inches or more

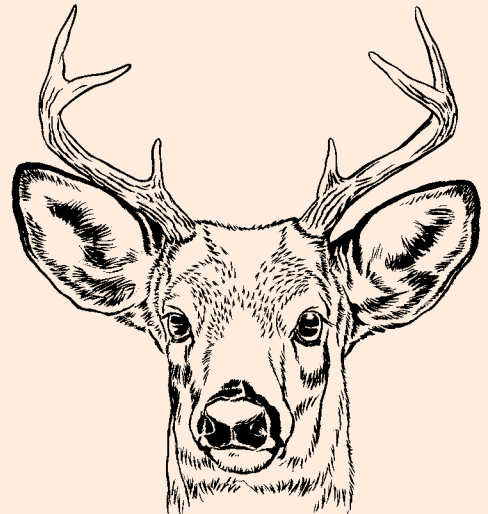


Protected deer include all antlered deer (defined as having at least one antler 3 inches or longer) that do not have a minimum of at least four points on one side.

Bucks with at least four points on one side



A legal buck must have a minimum of four points on one side, regardless of the number of points on the other side, like the seven-point buck above.



Letting these younger males mature will increase the number of adult bucks in the future.

General Regulations for All Deer and Turkey Hunters

Deer and turkey may be pursued, taken, killed, possessed or transported only as outlined in this booklet.

Firearms safety

Firearms safety is the first responsibility of every hunter. All hunters must be familiar with and follow the rules of safe firearms handling.

Hunter-orange requirements

The following persons are required to wear a cap or hat and also a shirt, vest or coat of hunter orange so that the color is plainly visible from all sides. Camouflage orange does not satisfy this requirement.

- firearms deer hunters during all portions of the firearms deer season
- adults accompanying youths hunting deer on a firearms deer hunting permit
- archery hunters during the youth portions statewide and during the urban zones and antlerless portions in open areas
- all hunters (except migratory bird hunters) during the urban zones, youth, November and antlerless portions in open areas. **Note:** Fall firearms turkey hunters must wear hunter orange in some areas Oct. 9–12 (see page 12).

The following deer hunters are exempt from the hunter-orange requirement:

- hunters using archery methods within municipal boundaries where discharge of firearms is prohibited
- archery permittees hunting during the muzzleloader portion of the firearms deer season
- hunters on federal or state public hunting areas where deer hunting is by archery methods only (However, hunter-orange is recommended for archery hunters who are hunting close to areas open to firearms methods.)

Note: Safety conscious hunters display hunter-orange even when it isn't required. Here's some examples:

- when walking to and from a turkey hunt, especially when carrying harvested game
- when hunting inside a camouflage blind, put hunter-orange on all sides of the blind
- when hunting close to areas where firearms hunting is allowed

Beware: When using a camouflage blind, other hunters cannot see you even if you are legally wearing hunter orange. To be safe, tie hunter orange on each side of the blind so it can be seen from all sides.

Definitions

Deer: White-tailed deer and mule deer.

Antlered Deer: A deer with at least one antler a minimum of 3 inches long, except that special restrictions apply in 68 counties. See page 4.

Take: To hunt, pursue, wound, capture or kill any wildlife in any manner. Also includes acts of assistance to other persons attempting to take wildlife.

Taker: A person who takes or attempts to take wildlife.

Resident: A person who does not claim resident privileges in another state or country, and whose actual and legal residence are both in Missouri and have been for at least the last 30 days.

Methods prohibited

- Deer and turkeys may not be taken with the use of dogs, bait, electronic calls, electronically activated calls or live decoys. Scents and minerals, including salt, are not considered bait, however, mineral blocks with food additives are prohibited. An area is considered baited for 10 days even after complete removal of the bait. It is illegal to place bait in a way that causes others to be in violation of the baiting rule.
- Deer may not be hunted, pursued or taken within any area enclosed by a fence greater than 7 feet in height, except in licensed hunting preserves.
- Deer and turkeys may not be pursued or taken from or with a motor-driven vehicle. Deer may not be taken while they are in a stream or other body of water, or from any boat with a motor attached.

Antlered deer limit

- Each hunter may take only one antlered deer during the firearms deer season. This includes all portions, including the two youth portions.
- If you want to take additional antlered deer, you must hunt on an archer's hunting permit during the archery deer season or in a managed hunt where antlered deer can be taken.

Hunter-education certificate requirement

Hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1967, must complete an approved hunter-education program and show their card or verify certification through the permit vendor's computer terminal. Those under age 11 cannot obtain hunter-education certification, but they may obtain regular firearms deer or turkey hunting permits and hunt in the immediate presence of a qualifying mentor. See page 22.

Get your fall deer and turkey permits early and avoid long lines at permit vendors!

Tree-stand safety

There are many reasons for using elevated tree stands. They offer a better vantage point, a larger field of view and an earlier view of game. However, they also are a major cause of accidents during the deer hunting seasons.

The National Bowhunter Education Foundation recommends the following safety tips to reduce the risk of hunting from elevated tree stands:

- ▶ Practice with your stand at ground level, gradually going higher. Several Conservation Department shooting ranges and outdoor education centers have practice poles for free public use.
- ▶ Know the proper procedure for securing the stand to a tree and how to use the stand properly.
- ▶ Read the manufacturer's warnings and instructions before each season.
- ▶ Use only stands that meet standards of the Treestand Manufacturer's Association (TMA) rated for your weight and all gear or equipment you wear or have with you on the stand.
- ▶ Always use a fall arrest system that meets TMA standards, which includes a full-body harness rated for your weight and any gear you wear or attach to yourself.
- ▶ Have your fall arrest system attached to the tree from the moment you leave the ground, throughout the hunt and when you descend to the ground.
- ▶ Always position yourself so that you step down onto your tree stand to test its stability.
- ▶ Always use a haul line to raise and lower your gear, including unloaded firearms, bows and arrows.

For more details on tree-stand safety from the National Bowhunter Education Foundation, go to www.nbef.org.

Assisting other deer and turkey hunters

A person must have a filled or unfilled turkey hunting permit to call turkeys for another hunter. Also, a person must have a filled or unfilled deer hunting permit to assist others in taking deer by active participation in deer drives or by enticing deer with calls or rattling antlers. It is illegal to shoot or take a deer or turkey for another hunter. **Note:** Party hunting where hunters pool their tags is prohibited.

Purple paint law

Landowners may post or define the boundaries of their property by marking trees and fence posts with purple paint. In a court of law, a property boundary marked with purple paint is the same as posting "No Trespassing" signs.

Is your firewood harboring a killer?

The emerald ash borer can hitchhike in YOUR firewood.



Don't give bad bugs a ride!

- ▶ Leave firewood at home.
- ▶ Use only local sources of firewood.
- ▶ If you bring firewood with you, all of it should be burned.

Alert! It is illegal to remove hardwood firewood from Wayne County due to the presence of this firewood-hitchhiking beetle.

The emerald ash borer has killed more than 50 million ash trees in nearby states. For more information, go to mdc.mo.gov/firewood. Thanks for protecting Missouri's beautiful forests!

Tree stands placed on Conservation Department areas

Only portable tree stands may be placed or used only between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31 on Conservation Department areas. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on durable material with the full name and address or Conservation I.D. number of the owner and be removed from the area before Feb. 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps or any material that would damage the tree is prohibited.

Retrieval of game

Anyone who kills or injures a deer or turkey must make a reasonable effort to retrieve and include the animal in his or her season limit, but this does not authorize trespass. It is a violation to wantonly leave or abandon commonly edible portions of game.

Use of dogs to recover legally taken game

A hunter can use leashed dogs to track and recover mortally wounded deer or turkeys, provided the hunter: (1) has exhausted other reasonable means of finding the animal, (2) contacts a conservation agent, (3) does not possess firearms or bows during dog-tracking activities, and (4) maintains control of the leashed dog at all times.

Note: The use of dogs to recover legally taken game does not authorize trespass.

Keep deer carcasses out of streams and lakes

It is illegal to place a deer carcass or any of its parts into any well, spring, brook, branch, creek, stream, pond or lake.

General Regulations (*continued*)

Labeling game

All harvested deer and turkeys, either whole or processed, must be labeled with the taker's full name, address and Telecheck confirmation number.

Giving away deer and turkey

A hunter who takes a deer or turkey may give it to another person, but the game counts toward the taker's bag limit. Deer and turkey that are given away must be labeled with the taker's full name, address, Telecheck confirmation number, species and the date taken.

Possession, storage and sale

Properly checked turkeys and deer may be possessed by anyone if labeled with the taker's full name, address, Telecheck confirmation number and the date taken. The Telecheck confirmation number must remain attached to the carcass until a processor begins the act of processing the meat for packaging.

Deer left at commercial processing or cold storage plants must be claimed by May 1 following the season taken or the owner will be in violation of Rule 3 CSR 10-4.140.

Turkeys may not be possessed after Feb. 15 following the season taken.

Legally obtained turkey bones and feathers, and deer heads, antlers, hides and feet may be sold by the taker, but the taker must provide a bill of sale showing:

- the taker's full name and address
- the species and number of the parts
- the full name and address of the buyer.

For deer heads and/or antlers attached to skull plates, a dated bill of sale identifying the seller must be retained while the heads or antlers are in the buyer's possession.

Any person who finds a dead deer with antlers still attached to the skull plate may take the antlers, but must report the find to a conservation agent within 24 hours to receive authorization to possess the antlers.

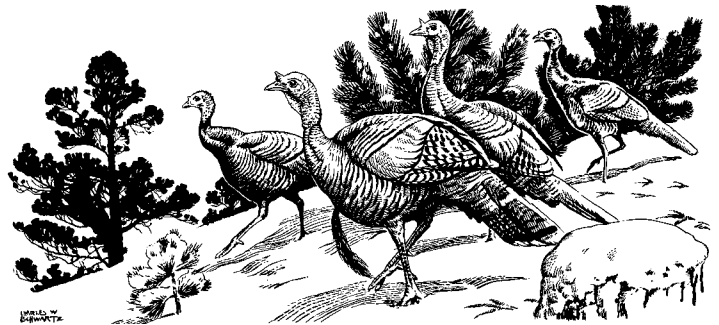
No authorization is needed to possess, buy and sell shed antlers not attached to the skull plate.

Shooting dogs is illegal

The Conservation Department and local sheriff offices often receive questions from dog owners, landowners and hunters about laws pertaining to free-running dogs in rural areas. While landowners do have some recourse if dogs are injuring or killing livestock under Missouri Revised Statutes, Section 273.030, dogs that merely enter private property may not be killed. In fact, Section 578.012 provides penalties for intentionally killing a dog or other animal.

Anyone killing a dog under circumstances other than the narrow ones described above can expose themselves to significant legal difficulty. Those who kill dogs may be forced to pay restitution and/or face criminal charges. Because dogs are considered personal property, dog killings are investigated by local law enforcement authorities, not by conservation agents.

It is illegal for persons to trespass on private property without permission. Ethical hunters who use dogs do their best to keep them off property where dogs are not wanted, and should contact the property owner for permission to retrieve them when their dogs follow game onto such private property. The Conservation Department works with the Sporting Dog Association of Missouri and other groups to encourage legal and ethical hunting activities and to establish good relationships with private landowners.



Hunting Other Game During the Firearms Deer Hunting Season

If you hunt small game during the firearms deer season, you must have a small game permit or exemption. Before taking small game and furbearers, be sure the season is open for that particular animal.

During the November and antlerless portions of the firearms deer season from Nov. 14–24 statewide and Nov. 25–Dec. 6 in open areas, other wildlife may be hunted only with a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire or a shotgun and shot not larger than No. 4. However, this does not apply to waterfowl hunters, trappers, landowners on their own land, or lessees on land they lease and live on.

During daylight hours from Nov. 1–24 statewide and also Nov. 25–Dec. 6 in areas open during the antlerless portion (see map on page 13), **furbearers** may not be chased, pursued or taken with the aid of dogs.

During daylight hours of the November portion of the firearms deer hunting season from Nov. 14–24, **squirrels and rabbits** may not be chased, pursued or taken with the aid of dogs in Butler, Carter, Dent, Iron, Madison, Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon or Wayne counties.

Special regulations also apply when pursuing feral hogs. See page 2.

2009 Archery Deer and Turkey Hunting

Season dates

- Sept. 15–Nov. 13, 2009
- Nov. 25, 2009–Jan. 15, 2010

Open statewide, an antler-point restriction applies in some areas, see map on page 4.

Shooting hours

One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset

Valid permits

- Resident or Nonresident Archer's Hunting Permit
- Resident Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit
- Resident or Nonresident Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit
- Resident Landowner Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit

Season limit

- Two turkeys and two deer, which may be of either sex, provided that only one antlered deer may be taken prior to Nov. 14.
- Any number of antlerless deer in counties where allowed. See map on the right.

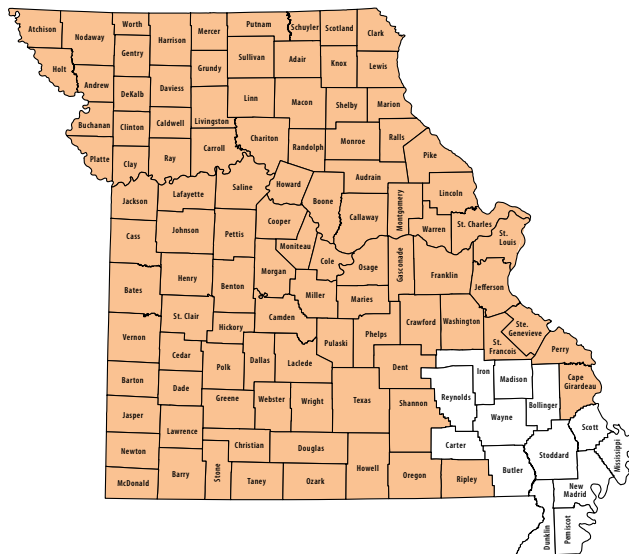
Point to remember

- Archers hunting deer or turkey during the archery season may not be in possession of a firearm.

Methods allowed

- a longbow, compound bow or recurve bow of any draw weight; hand-held string releasing devices, illuminated sights, scopes and quickpoint sights are allowed

Hunters may purchase and fill any number of Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits during the archery deer season in the counties indicated in orange on the map below. **Now!** Cape Girardeau is now an open county.



Methods prohibited

- a bow fastened to a stock or other device that maintains the bow in a drawn position
- any sighting device that casts a beam of light on the game
- use of dogs, bait, electronic calls, electronically activated calls or live decoys



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Report sightings to:

Missouri Department of Conservation
1110 S. College Ave.
Columbia, MO 65201
(573) 882-9880

2009 Fall Firearms Turkey Hunting Season



Season dates

- Oct. 1–31

Closed counties

Turkeys may be taken in all counties except: Dunklin, McDonald, Mississippi, New Madrid, Newton, Pemiscot and Scott.

Shooting hours

- One-half hour before sunrise to sunset

Valid permits

- Youth Deer & Turkey Hunting Permit
- Resident or Nonresident Fall Firearms Turkey Hunting Permit
- Resident Landowner Fall Firearms Turkey Hunting Permit

Season limit

- Two turkeys, which may be of either sex, may be taken during the season, and they both may be taken on the same day.

- Youths hunting on a Youth Deer & Turkey Hunting Permit may take only one turkey, which may be of either sex.

Methods allowed

- a shotgun (including .410) with shot not larger than No. 4
- a longbow, recurve bow or compound bow of any draw weight; hand-held string releasing devices and illuminated sights, scopes and quickpoint sights are allowed

Methods prohibited

- shotguns capable of holding more than three shells in magazine and chamber combined
- shot larger than No. 4 (in use or in possession)
- a bow fastened to a stock or other device that maintains the bow in a drawn position
- any sighting device that casts a beam of light on the game
- use of dogs, bait, electronic calls, electronically activated calls, live decoys

Points to remember

- Anyone hunting turkeys during the fall firearms turkey season may not be in possession of both a firearm and a bow.
- Special regulations apply when pursuing feral hogs during the firearms turkey season. See page 2.

Safety sticker requirement

All hunters using a shotgun must affix the “Be Safe” sticker to the receiver of their gun so it will be in their line of sight when shooting. The sticker must be maintained on the gun while hunting. Stickers are available wherever permits are sold.

Basic Rules for Safe Turkey Hunting

- ▶ Wear hunter orange when walking through the turkey woods. If you bag a turkey, wrap it in hunter orange before carrying it out.
- ▶ Dress defensively; never wear red, white, blue or black in the turkey woods.
- ▶ Always see the turkey clearly before you shoot; never shoot at sound or movement.
- ▶ Shout to reveal your presence to an approaching hunter; never wave or whistle.
- ▶ Pattern your shotgun to learn its effective range, and learn to accurately judge distances. Remember: 30 yards is about the limit for a clean kill.
- ▶ Remain calm and rational; never let excitement, nerves or panic rule your behavior.
- ▶ Assume every sound or movement is another hunter until you can safely identify it as otherwise.



2009 Firearms Deer Hunting Season

The firearms deer hunting season is made up of the following portions that provide hunters with many opportunities to take deer while helping to maintain a healthy deer population.

- Urban zones: Oct. 9–12 only in selected areas
- Early youth: Oct. 31–Nov. 1 statewide
- November: Nov. 14–24 statewide
- Antlerless: Nov. 25–Dec. 6 only in selected areas
- Muzzleloader: Dec. 19–29 statewide
- Late youth: Jan. 2–3, statewide

Season limit

- Each hunter may take only one antlered deer during the firearms deer season (all portions combined). If you want to take additional antlered deer, you must hunt on an archer's hunting permit during the archery season or on a managed hunt permit during a managed hunt.
- All hunters may purchase any number of permits to take antlerless deer, but some county restrictions apply. See map on page 23.

Shooting hours

- One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset

Valid permits

- Youth Deer & Turkey Hunting Permit
- Resident or Nonresident Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit
- Resident or Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit
- Resident Landowner Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit
- Resident Landowner Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit

Methods allowed

- centerfire pistol, revolver or rifle using expanding-type bullets
- shotgun (including .410) with slugs only
- air-powered gun, .40 caliber or larger, charged only from an external high compression power source (external hand pump, air tank, or air compressor)
- a muzzleloading or cap-and-ball firearm .40 caliber or larger and capable of firing only a single projectile at one discharge; in-lines and scopes are allowed
- multiple-barreled muzzleloading or cap-and-ball firearms and/or muzzleloading or cap-and-ball handguns, including revolvers, .40 caliber or larger are allowed and may be carried in addition to a muzzleloading or cap-and-ball rifle
- a longbow, compound bow or recurve bow of any draw weight; hand-held string releasing devices, illuminated sights, scopes and quickpoint sights are allowed
- crossbow

Methods prohibited *(in use or in possession)*

- self-loading firearms with capacity of more than 11 cartridges in magazine and chamber combined
- ammunition propelling more than one projectile at a single discharge (such as buckshot)
- full hard metal case projectiles
- fully automatic firearms
- any sighting device that casts a beam of light on the game
- electronic calls or electronically activated calls

Hunters, meat processors can reduce lead risk

Recent studies have shown that people who eat venison taken with lead-based ammunition may be exposed to lead bullet fragments in the meat. Removal of the tissue immediately around the wound area will reduce, but likely will not eliminate exposure to lead.

Health officials in Missouri and several other states have reviewed this new information and concluded that lead in venison is a concern, but not a human health crisis. They note that millions of deer and other big game animals are taken by hunters each year to help control big-game populations. However, caution is advised for young children, or women of child-bearing age. Children less than 6 years of age are particularly sensitive to lead

exposure because of their developing bodies. Concerns for lead exposure also extend to pregnant women and women of childbearing age because they can pass lead to their unborn children.

The selection of ammunition for hunting deer and turkey in Missouri is a matter of personal choice. The Conservation Department strives to make the most current knowledge available so hunters can make informed decisions. For those concerned about this new information, one solution is to use nontoxic ammunition that is available at most ammunition outlets. For more information on lead and venison, go to:

mdc.mo.gov/hunt/deer.

2009 Firearms Deer Hunting (continued)

Urban zones portion

This portion of the firearms deer season allows for the harvest of antlerless deer in areas where deer numbers need to be reduced. Therefore, some public land where deer are not abundant may be closed to hunting.

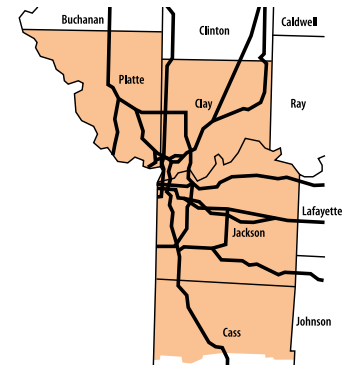
Season dates

- Oct. 9–12 only in open areas, see maps

Methods

- All legal deer hunting methods listed on page 11 are allowed.

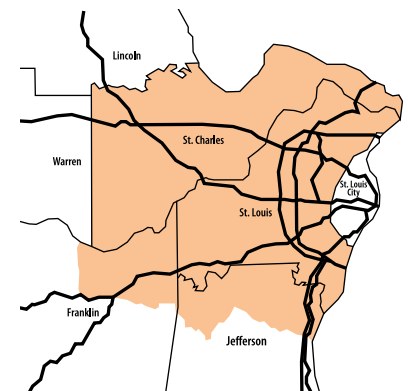
The Missouri Department of Conservation will join with the Conservation Federation of Missouri and community sponsors to cover the costs of all whole deer donated to the Share the Harvest program during the urban zones portion. For a list of participating processors, contact your regional Conservation Department office. See inside front cover for contact information.



Kansas City urban zone

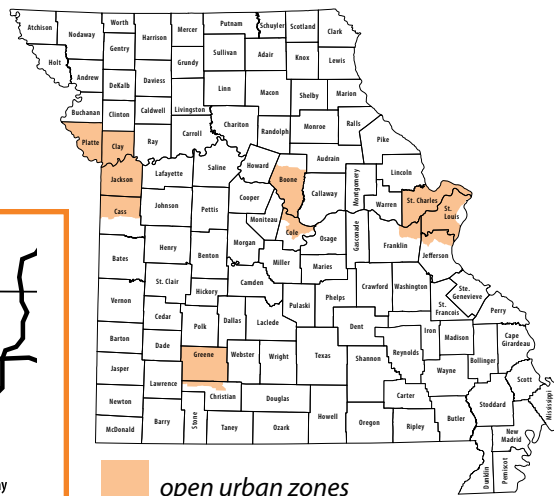
- ▶ All of Platte, Clay and Jackson counties
- ▶ All portions of Cass County north of Route 2

Note: Hunters must abide by local ordinances regarding trespass and use of equipment.

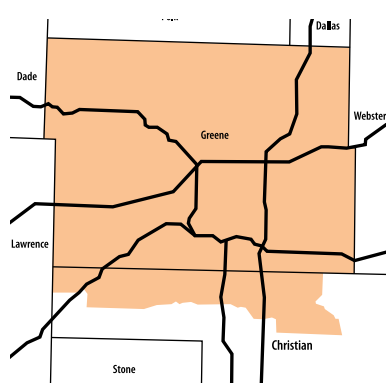


St. Louis urban zone

- ▶ All of St. Charles and St. Louis counties
- ▶ Portion of Franklin County north and east of a line from Highway 47 south to Highway 50, east to Interstate 44, east to Highway O, east to Highway NN, south on NN to the Jefferson County line
- ▶ Portion of Jefferson County north of a line from Highway NN to Highway 30, east to Highway MM, east to Highway M, east to U.S. 61, south to Glaize Creek, east to the Mississippi River

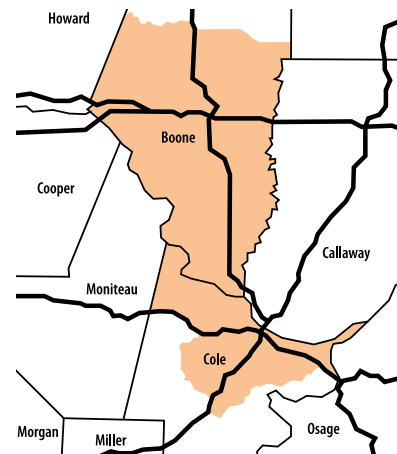


open urban zones



Springfield urban zone

- ▶ All of Greene County
- ▶ Portion of Christian County north of a line from Lawrence County, east on Route 14 to Highway 125, north on Highway 125 to the Greene County line



Columbia/Jefferson City urban zone

- ▶ Portion of Boone County south of a line that runs from the Howard County line east on Highway 124 to Highway OO to Doris Boulevard to Highway DD to the Audrain County line
- ▶ Portion of Cole County north of a line from Moniteau County east on U.S. Highway 50 to Route D to U.S. Highway 54 to Route E to Route B to Route M to U.S. Highway 50 to the Cole-Osage County line

November portion

The November portion allows hunters using all legal deer hunting methods an opportunity to harvest deer.

Season dates

Nov. 14–24 statewide

Methods

- All legal deer hunting methods listed on page 11 are allowed.



Antlerless portion

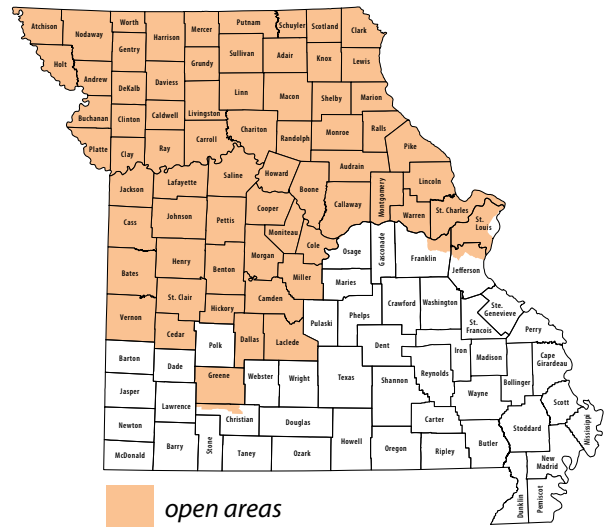
Any hunter with a firearms deer hunting permit of any type (except a Managed Deer Hunting Permit) may take antlerless deer in counties and parts of counties that are open during this portion of the season. Landowner Any-Deer and Antlerless Deer Permits are valid only on the property for which they are issued.

Season dates

Nov. 25–Dec. 6 only in open areas; see maps on page 12 for boundaries of Christian, Franklin and Jefferson counties.

Methods

- All legal deer hunting methods listed on page 11 are allowed.



Muzzleloader portion

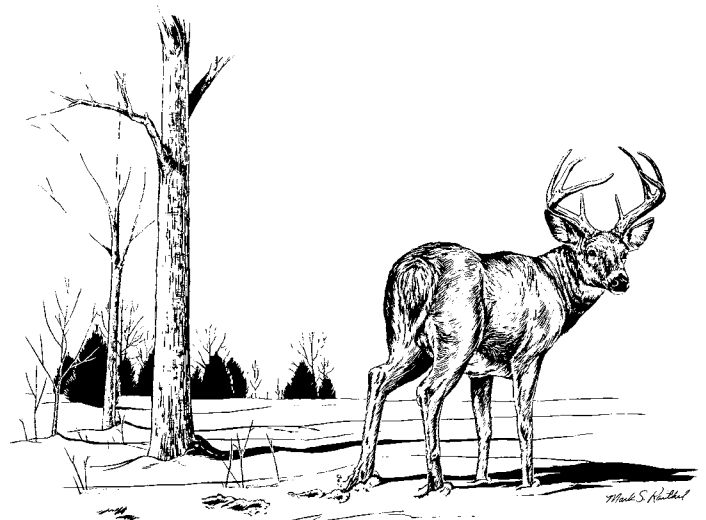
This portion of the firearms season allows hunters additional time to hunt using muzzleloaders only.

Season dates

Dec. 19–29 statewide

Methods

- a muzzleloading or cap-and-ball firearm .40 caliber or larger and capable of firing only a single projectile at one discharge; in-lines and scopes are allowed
- multiple-barreled muzzleloading or cap-and-ball firearms and/or muzzleloading or cap-and-ball handguns, including revolvers, .40 caliber or larger are allowed and may be carried in addition to a muzzleloading or cap-and-ball rifle



Sign up early for hunter-education classes. Call the regional office near you or go online for class dates. See inside front cover for contact information or try the new online hunter-education class. Go to mdc.mo.gov/8821 for details.

2009 Firearms Deer Season (*continued*)

Youth portions

To participate, the youth hunter must be at least 6 and no older than 15 on the season opening day.

Methods

- All legal deer hunting methods listed on page 11 are allowed.

Note: The antler-point restriction does not apply during the youth portions.

Early portion

- Oct. 31–Nov. 1 statewide
- Limit: one deer, which may be of either sex

Note: Only 1 deer can be taken. If you have more than one permit, you must use them in another portion.

Late portion

- Jan. 2–3 statewide

Valid permits for both youth portions

Many hunters mistakenly believe that only a Youth Deer and Turkey Hunting Permit is valid during the youth portion. This is not true.

Youth may use any of the following permits:

- ▶ Youth Deer & Turkey Hunting Permit
- ▶ Resident Landowner Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit (if hunting on qualifying land)
- ▶ Resident Landowner Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit (if hunting on qualifying land)
- ▶ Resident or Nonresident Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit
- ▶ Resident or Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit

If the youth is not hunter-education certified, he or she must hunt in the immediate presence of a qualifying mentor. See page 22.

Youth can take deer according to the permits they hold, however:

- only one antlered deer may be taken during the entire firearms deer season. So if the youth has already taken one antlered deer during one of the other portions of the firearms deer season,

he or she may not take another during this portion.

- any number of permits may be purchased to take antlerless deer, but some county restrictions apply. See map on page 23.

Mentoring option available for apprentice hunters

Would you like to share those beautiful fall mornings in the woods with a good friend or a spouse who has never hunted before? You know they would love it, but you can't get them to invest the time to take the hunter-education course.

To help introduce adults to hunting, the Conservation Department now allows hunters age 16 and older who are not hunter-education certified to hunt with firearms, as long as they:

- first purchase the Apprentice Hunter Authorization for \$10
- then purchase a firearms hunting permit for the season they want to hunt; for example a Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit
- hunt in the immediate presence of a properly licensed hunter 18 years old or older who is hunter-education certified or was born before Jan. 1, 1967. The mentor must have a filled or unfilled permit for the prescribed season.

Note: The Apprentice Hunter Authorization allows the holder to purchase firearms permits throughout the permit year, and it can be purchased for two permit years. After the second year, the apprentice hunter will be required to become hunter-education certified if he or she wants to continue hunting on any firearms permit.



The Apprentice Hunter Authorization provides another opportunity for qualified experienced hunters to share their knowledge of the outdoors with novice hunters.

Missouri is a leader in hunter recruitment, and the Apprentice Hunter Authorization is just one more tool to help you share your hunting knowledge and tradition with your friends and family. Before next year's fall deer and turkey season, encourage your apprentices to attend a hunter-education class or take the new online course. Information is available at mdc.mo.gov/8821.

2009–2010 Managed Deer Hunts

Missouri offers numerous managed deer hunts for archery, crossbow, muzzleloading and modern firearms from mid-September through January.

These hunts achieve deer management goals while also providing additional hunting opportunity. Hunters are selected by a weighted random drawing system.

Note: Participants in all managed hunts except those limited to archery or crossbow methods must wear hunter orange.

Limit

A single Managed Deer Hunting Permit allows each hunter to take the number of deer allowed at the hunt he or she is attending. Some hunts allow one deer, others two and some three.

Note: Deer taken at a managed deer hunt do not count toward the regular season bag limit.

Valid permits

- Resident or Nonresident Managed Deer Hunting Permit

Note: Permits are available to successful applicants beginning Sept. 14 anywhere permits are sold.

Points to remember

- Go to mdc.mo.gov/7454 for a summary of how many people applied for last year's managed hunts and how many deer were taken.
- If you cannot attend, another hunter cannot take your place. Only those hunters who applied and were drawn may attend.

- Managed hunts marked with an asterisk on pages 18–20 require hunters to attend a mandatory pre-hunt orientation. If you cannot attend the orientation, do not apply.
- If you have a methods exemption, you may use a crossbow in an archery managed deer hunt.
- If you apply as one of a party on the application card or as an individual, your chances of being drawn for a managed deer hunt are the same as everyone else's.
- Individuals not drawn for a managed deer hunt may not accompany a hunter who was successfully drawn.
- ATVs are prohibited on the managed deer hunt areas.
- If you are not drawn for a managed hunt this year, you will earn one preference point that will increase your odds the next time you apply.

When to apply for a managed hunt

- July 1–Aug. 15

Who can apply

If applying for a youth-only hunt, youths may apply singly or with one youth buddy, but not as a group. See pages 16 and 20.

If applying for all other hunts, hunters may apply individually or as a group of up to six hunters.

For how many hunts can a hunter apply?

Each hunter may apply for only one managed deer hunt each year. **Hunters who apply for more than one will be disqualified from this year's drawing and will not receive a preference point.**

Wheelchair-confined Hunters



Any hunter permanently confined to a wheelchair is automatically allowed to participate in managed deer hunts at:

- August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area

- Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area
- Caney Mountain Conservation Area
- Drury-Mincy Conservation Area
- Fleming Park (east side) (*maximum of three wheelchair hunters*)
- James A. Reed Wildlife Area

- Mingo National Wildlife Refuge (*maximum of five wheelchair hunters*)
- Peck Ranch Conservation Area
- Prairie Fork Creek Conservation Area

These hunts are part of the Managed Deer Hunt Program and are not limited to disabled hunters. Mail a written request **by Aug. 15** indicating hunt preference with attached physician's statement to the Jefferson City address on the inside front cover, Attn: Managed Deer Hunts.

Each disabled hunter may be accompanied by an attendant/care-giver while hunting, but that person may not hunt unless he or she had applied and was successfully drawn for the same hunt. Wheelchair-confined hunters may participate in more than one Managed Deer Hunt, but must purchase a Managed Deer Hunting Permit for each hunt they attend.

2009–2010 Managed Deer Hunts (*continued*)

To apply, complete the following steps

Step 1: Designate one member of your group to either place a call or go online. That person **must** have ready the following information:

- the two- or three-digit number for the preferred hunt
- the nine-digit Conservation I.D. number of **each** hunter in the group. If you need an I.D. number, call (573) 751-4115 during regular business hours to have one assigned.

Important: To ensure that your preference point earned last year is used, be sure to use the same Conservation I.D. number you used last year. If applying online, print your confirmation page and save it for future reference.

Note: A Social Security number is not the same as a Conservation I.D. number. Your Conservation I.D. number is located on the back of your Conservation Heritage Card and on your permit.

Step 2: Complete the worksheet on this page **before** calling or going online so you will have all the information ready.

Step 3: Either call the interactive voice response telephone system between 4 a.m. and midnight using a touch-tone phone at **(800) 829-2956** or go online at **mdc.mo.gov/hunt/deer**. If you have correctly entered all the required

information, you will see or hear a message confirming your application.

Step 4: Write down your confirmation number and save it for future reference.

To find out if you've been selected

From Sept. 14 through Dec. 31, either call the interactive phone system between 4 a.m. and midnight or go online. Be prepared to enter your nine-digit Conservation I.D. number (the same I.D. number you used when you applied) when you call to check the drawing results. You also must provide your same Conservation I.D. number when you buy your Managed Deer Hunting Permit.

All successful applicants will receive in the mail an area map and other information regarding the hunt. We must have your correct address so you will receive the information you need. If your address has changed, contact your local Department office during regular business hours. See inside front cover.

Successful applicants can purchase their permit beginning Sept. 14 wherever permits are sold.

Note: The odds for drawing a particular hunt are available at **mdc.mo.gov/7454** or by calling a Department office. See inside front cover.

Youth-only Managed Hunts

There are nine youth-only managed deer hunts for youths ages 11 through 15 (see page 20). Application and notification processes for eight of the nine hunts are the same as for regular managed hunts except that youth hunters may only apply singly or with one other youth hunter. All successful applicants will be notified by mail. Youths who apply for a youth-only hunt may not also apply for a "regular" managed deer hunt.

Those drawn to participate must:

- ▶ purchase a Resident or Nonresident Managed Deer Hunting Permit. Youth Deer & Turkey Hunting Permits are not valid.
- ▶ attend a pre-hunt orientation with the adult sponsor (age 18 or older) who will accompany them on the hunt.

Hunter-education certification is required for all successful youth applicants and their accompanying parent/guardian/adult sponsor, unless the sponsor was born before Jan. 1, 1967. Minimum age to enroll in a hunter-education course is 11. Hunter-education certification is not required to apply for a youth-only managed deer hunt, but must be achieved before the pre-hunt orientation.

Managed Deer Hunt Application Worksheet

Hunt No.: _____

Method: _____

Location: _____

Date: _____

Hunter **Conservation I.D. number(s)** (nine-digit number on your hunting or fishing permit, or on the **back** of your Conservation Heritage Card below the bar code. Use the same number you used last year.):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Weighted random drawing increases odds for future managed hunts

Each time you apply for a managed hunt but are not drawn you will earn one preference point. The next time you apply, either this year or some year in the future, your name will be entered into the drawing—once for the current application year and once for each preference point. If you're not drawn again, you'll earn another preference point and all your points will automatically be used the next time you apply.

You will continue to accumulate preference points—one for each unsuccessful application year—until you are drawn. Every year you apply for a managed deer hunt the number of times your name will be entered into the drawing will equal your number of preference points plus one for the current application year. When you are drawn for a hunt, your preference points total goes to zero.

You do not have to apply for a managed hunt every year to keep your points. Your points are valid for your lifetime whether you enter the drawing each year or not, and the system will remember how many points you have and will store them until the next time you apply.

While your odds of being drawn will increase as you accumulate preference points, luck still plays an important role. It's possible that someone with no points will be drawn over someone who has preference points. However, your odds of being drawn increase with each point you earn.

This drawing process gives all hunters a chance to be drawn for a hunt each year. However, hunters with preference points will have a statistical advantage. In the case of hunters who apply as a party, the group's preference point average will be used in the drawing.

Important: Don't Lose Points

Some hunters may have more than one Conservation I.D. number. Preference points will be stored by Conservation I.D. number, so be sure you use the same number each year you apply. If applying online, print your confirmation page and save it for future reference.

Keep CWD out of Missouri

Don't bring deer/elk/moose parts across state lines

After seven years of testing, chronic wasting disease has not been found in Missouri's deer herd. CWD has been found in wild deer, elk and moose from nine other states, including neighboring Kansas, Illinois and Nebraska. For a map showing areas infected with CWD, go to: www.cwd-info.org.

One way to keep CWD from spreading is to avoid transporting the tissues containing the CWD infection, such as the brain, spinal cord and other organs from deer, elk and moose taken from other states into Missouri. Hunters in CWD areas are advised to completely bone out harvested deer, elk and moose in the field and bring back only the meat.

Here are some guidelines of what to transport when hunting out of state:

- ▶ meat that is cut and wrapped (either commercially or privately)
- ▶ quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached
- ▶ meat that has been boned out
- ▶ hides without head attached
- ▶ clean (no meat or tissue attached) skull plates with antlers attached
- ▶ antlers with no meat or tissue attached
- ▶ upper canine teeth
- ▶ finished taxidermy products

If carcasses are brought in from out of state with the spinal column or head attached, the hunter should take them to a meat processor or taxidermist as soon as possible and indicate that the animal was harvested from a suspected CWD location. This step will help ensure proper disposal of animal material. If hunters process their own

deer or elk, they should dispose of the remains in a landfill so other animals are not exposed to carcasses that may be infected.

CWD causes a degeneration of the brain in deer, elk and moose. There is no evidence that CWD affects livestock or humans. The Conservation Department continues to monitor for the disease because of the potential impacts on deer populations and herd management.

If you encounter or harvest a deer that has no obvious injuries but is in poor condition, contact local Department staff and, if appropriate, the deer will be tested for CWD.

Visit mdc.mo.gov/hunt/deer/cwd for updates.

2009–2010 Managed Deer Hunts (continued)

Note: If you have a medical condition that limits your mobility and requires you to have special access to a hunting area, such as driving on a service road or using an ATV, please contact the manager of the area on which you want to hunt before applying for a managed hunt. Some areas may not have the access you require, and you may want to apply for a hunt on a different area.

Permits: Resident or Nonresident Managed Deer Hunting Permit only; no other deer hunting permit may be used at any managed deer hunt.

Limit: Refer to the "Limit" code for each hunt. When you purchase your Managed Deer Hunting Permit you will receive permits to take the number of deer allowed at the hunt you are attending.

Quota: Refer to "Quota" for the number of hunters that will be drawn to participate in each hunt.

CA = Conservation Area

CP = County Park

ML = Management Lands

NR = Nature Reserve

NWR = National Wildlife Refuge

SP = State Park

WLA = Wildlife Area

Hunt	No. Location	County	Date	Limit	Quota
Archery (13 hunts—longbow, recurve bow or compound bow only)					
11	Bicentennial CA*	Newton	Dec. 5–13	D	30
12	Blue and Gray CP	Jackson	Oct. 31–Nov. 13	G	40
13	Blue and Gray CP	Jackson	Dec. 5–18	G	40
14	Burr Oak Woods CA*	Jackson	Nov. 2–4	D	35
	(Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Nov. 1)				
15	Caney Mountain CA	Ozark	Oct. 31–Nov. 1	B	100
16	Fellows Lake*	Greene	Nov. 1–Dec. 31	E	25
	(Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Oct. 10)				
17	James A. Reed WLA*	Jackson	Oct. 31–Nov. 8	D ¹	50
	(Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Oct. 31)				
18	Jerry Smith Park*/ Saeger Woods CA*	Jackson	Nov. 2–22	G	20
	(Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Oct. 24)				
19	Longview Lake CP	Jackson	Oct. 31–Nov. 13	G	45
21	Longview Lake CP	Jackson	Dec. 5–18	G	45

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(Muzzleloading or Cap-&-Ball Firearms Only continued from p. 19)

Hunt	No. Location	County	Date	Limit	Quota
53	Fleming Park (east)* (Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Dec. 2)	Jackson	Dec. 2–4	G	50
54	Fleming Park (west)* (Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Dec. 9)	Jackson	Dec. 9–11	G	40
55	Forest 44 CA	St. Louis	Nov. 9–10	C	30
56	Forest 44 CA	St. Louis	Nov. 16–17	C	30
57	James A. Reed WLA* (Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Nov. 9)	Jackson	Nov. 9–13	D ¹	40
58	James A. Reed WLA* (Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Nov. 16)	Jackson	Nov. 16–20	D ¹	40
59	Mingo NWR*	Stoddard	Dec. 5–6	D	160
61	Monkey Mountain CP* (Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Nov. 4)	Jackson	Nov. 4–6	G	25
62	Peck Ranch CA	Carter	Dec. 12–13	B ¹	200
63	Pelican Island CA	St. Louis	Oct. 31–Nov. 2	G	80
64	Rockwoods Reservation* (Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Nov. 7, 10 a.m.–noon)	St. Louis	Nov. 30–Dec. 1	D	30
65	Shaw NR	Franklin	Dec. 12–13	H	85
66	Squaw Creek NWR	Holt	Jan. 2–3	H	125
67	Swan Lake NWR (east)* (Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.)	Chariton	Dec. 5–6	B ¹	40
68	Swan Lake NWR (west)* (Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.)	Chariton	Dec. 5–6	B ¹	40
69	Watkins Woolen Mill SP	Clay	Dec. 12–13	H	85

Historic Methods

(3 hunts—muzzleloader, cap-&-ball, long/recurve/compound/crossbow only)

71	August A. Busch CA	St. Charles	Nov. 14–16	E	100
72	August A. Busch CA	St. Charles	Nov. 18–20	D	100
73	August A. Busch CA	St. Charles	Nov. 22–24	B	100

Note: There is no managed deer hunt at **Fort Leonard Wood** this year. However, deer hunting is allowed during the youth, November and muzzleloader portions of the firearms deer season, and also during the archery deer season. For access information, call (573) 596-4223.

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22 Otter Slough CA	Stoddard	Oct. 1–14	A	15
23 Otter Slough CA	Stoddard	Jan. 1–15	B	15
24 Peck Ranch CA	Carter	Nov. 6–8	B ¹	200

Archery or Crossbow

(21 hunts—longbow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow only)

25 August A. Busch CA	St. Charles	Sept. 26–Oct. 4	C	150
26 August A. Busch CA	St. Charles	Oct. 12–23	C	150
27 August A. Busch CA	St. Charles	Dec. 14–31	C	300
28 Columbia Bottom CA	St. Louis	Oct. 1–18	F	40
29 Columbia Bottom CA	St. Louis	Oct. 28–Nov. 15	F	40
31 Columbia Bottom CA	St. Louis	Dec. 1–21	F	40
32 Columbia Bottom CA	St. Louis	Dec. 26–Jan. 15	F	45
33 Forest 44 CA	St. Louis	Oct. 5–18	C	75
34 Forest 44 CA	St. Louis	Dec. 1–31	C	100
35 Marais Temps Clair CA	St. Charles	Sept. 15–27	B	20
36 Marais Temps Clair CA	St. Charles	Oct. 31–Nov. 2 and Nov. 6–9	B	10
37 Marais Temps Clair CA	St. Charles	Jan. 1–15	B	20
38 Rockwoods Range	St. Louis	Nov. 1–30	C	75
39 Rockwoods Range	St. Louis	Dec. 1–31	C	75
41 St. Stanislaus CA	St. Louis	Oct. 24–Nov. 15	C	30
42 St. Stanislaus CA	St. Louis	Nov. 21–Dec. 13	C	30
43 Weldon Spring CA	St. Charles	Sept. 15–Oct. 4	C	150
44 Weldon Spring CA	St. Charles	Oct. 12–23	C	150
45 Weldon Spring CA	St. Charles	Dec. 14–Jan. 15	C	300
46 Whetstone Creek CA	Callaway	Oct. 1–16 and Oct. 19–Nov. 8	F ¹	100
47 Whetstone Creek CA	Callaway	Dec. 3–Jan. 1	H	100

Muzzleloading or Cap-&-Ball Firearms Only

(20 hunts—in-lines and scopes are allowed)

48 Burr Oak Woods CA*	Jackson	Dec. 7–9	D	20
(Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Nov. 6)				
49 Caney Mountain CA	Ozark	Oct. 17–19	B	250
51 Drury-Mincy CA	Taney	Oct. 24–26	B	250
52 Fleming Park (west)*	Jackson	Nov. 2–4	G	40
(Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Nov. 2)				

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Shotguns (2 hunts—with slugs only)

74 Columbia Bottom CA	St. Louis	Nov. 21–27	E	30
75 Marais Temps Clair CA	St. Charles	Oct. 3–14	B	15

Firearms (12 hunts—centerfire, shotguns with slugs, spring/air/gas rifles only)

76 Clarence Cannon NWR*	Pike	Jan. 2–3	H	40
(Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Jan. 2)				
77 Knob Noster SP	Johnson	Jan. 9–10	H	100
78 Lamine River CA	Cooper/ Morgan	Jan. 8–10	H	75
79 Prairie Fork CA	Callaway	Nov. 16–18	G ¹	15
81 Prairie Fork CA	Callaway	Nov. 30–Dec. 2	G ¹	15
82 Stockton Lake SP	Cedar	Dec. 12–13	H	65
83 Talbot CA*	Lawrence	Nov. 28–29	A	25
(Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Nov. 27)				
84 Weldon Spring CA	St. Charles	Nov. 14–16	B	100
85 Weldon Spring CA	St. Charles	Nov. 22–24	B	100
86 Whetstone Creek CA	Callaway	Oct. 17–18	E	50
87 Whetstone Creek CA	Callaway	Nov. 16–18	G ¹	40
88 Whetstone Creek CA	Callaway	Nov. 30–Dec. 2	G ¹	40

*Hunters must attend a pre-hunt orientation; those who do not attend will be disqualified.

¹Antlered deer must have at least one antler with at least 4 points.

Limit Code:

A = 1 antlerless deer	Note: Most conservation areas remain open to the public for other activities during managed hunts.
B = 1 deer of either sex	
C = 2 deer, but only 1 antlered	
D = 2 deer, but only 1 antlered; must take and check-in antlerless deer before taking antlered deer	Note: Youth hunts are listed on page 20.
E = 2 antlerless deer	
F = 3 deer, but only 1 antlered	
G = 3 deer, but only 1 antlered; must take and check-in 1 antlerless deer before taking antlered deer	
H = 3 antlerless deer	

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2009–2010 Managed Youth Deer Hunts

Note: Youth must be at least 11 years old and hunter-education certified to hunt in a managed youth deer hunt.

Hunt

No.	Location	County	Date	Limit	Quota
Youth-only Shotguns (1 hunt—with slugs only)					
89	Columbia Bottom CA*	St. Louis	Oct. 24–25	B	25
	(Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Oct. 10)				
Youth-only Firearms (8 hunts—centerfire, shotguns with slugs, spring/air/gas rifles only)					
91	August A. Busch CA*	St. Charles	Oct. 24–25	B	60
	(Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Oct. 10)				
‡	Charles W. Green CA*	Boone	Oct. 31–Nov. 1	B	5
92	Davisdale CA*	Howard	Oct. 24–25	G	35
	(Mandatory pre-hunt check-in Oct. 23 from 4–8:30 p.m. or Oct. 24 from 5:30–8 a.m.)				
93	Peck Ranch CA*	Carter	Oct. 3–4	B	60
	(Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Oct. 2)				
94	Smithville Lake*	Clay	Dec. 12–13	C ¹	30
	(Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Dec. 5)				
95	Swan Lake NWR (east)*	Chariton	Nov. 7–8	B	20
	(Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.)				
96	Swan Lake NWR (west)*	Chariton	Nov. 7–8	B	20
	(Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.)				
97	Weldon Spring CA*	St. Charles	Oct. 24–25	B	60
	(Mandatory pre-hunt orientation Oct. 10)				

*Hunters must attend a pre-hunt orientation; those who do not attend will be disqualified.

‡Participants for this hunt have already been selected from among attendees of Conservation Department's Hunting Skills University. For more information, call the (573) 884-6861.

¹Antlered deer must have at least one antler with at least 4 points.

Limit Code:

B= 1 deer of either sex
C= 2 deer, but only 1 antlered
G= 3 deer, but only 1 antlered; must take and check-in 1 antlerless deer before taking antlered deer

Note: Most conservation areas remain open to the public for other activities during managed hunts.



Special Hunts for Persons with Disabilities

There are 10 special hunts exclusively for persons with disabilities. Application for these hunts is made through the hunt location, NOT through the "regular" managed deer hunt application process. For information about who qualifies and how to apply, call the specific hunt location during normal business hours between July 1 and Aug. 15, or by Oct. 1 for the hunt at Smithville Lake.

Location	County	Date	Limit	Quota	Contact
Muzzleloading or Cap-&Ball Firearms Only (4 hunts—in-lines and scopes are allowed)					
Clearwater Lake ML	Wayne/Reynolds	Nov. 7–8	C	2	573/223-7777
Mingo NWR	Stoddard	Dec. 5–6	D	5	573/222-3589
Shaw NR	Franklin	Dec. 12–13	F	2	636/451-3512
Squaw Creek NWR	Holt	Dec. 12–13	C ¹	5	660/442-5754, ext. 13

Historic Methods (1 hunt—muzzleloader, cap-&ball, long/recurve/compound/crossbow only)					
Bois D'Arc CA	Greene	Oct. 10–11	C	12	417/742-4361

Firearms (5 hunts—centerfire, shotguns with slugs, spring/air/gas rifles only)					
Smithville Lake	Clay/Clinton	Nov. 21–22	F	60	816/532-0174
Stockton Lake ML	Cedar/Dade	Nov. 7–8	C	20	417/276-3113
Swan Lake NWR	Chariton	Oct. 31–Nov. 1	C	10	660/856-3323
Truman Lake	Benton/St. Clair	Nov. 7–8	F	25	660/438-7317
Wappapello Lake ML	Wayne	Oct. 24–25	B	15	573/222-8562

¹Antlered deer must have at least one antler with at least 4 points.

Limit Code:

B= 1 deer of either sex
C= 2 deer, but only 1 antlered
D= 2 deer, but only 1 antlered; must take and check-in antlerless deer before taking antlered deer
F= 3 deer, but only 1 antlered

Note: Most conservation areas remain open to the public for other activities during managed hunts.

Sunrise and Sunset Table

Jefferson City—Central Time Zone

	Sept. 2009		Oct. 2009		Nov. 2009		Dec. 2009		Jan. 2010		
DAY	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	
1	6:38	7:38	7:05	6:51	6:36	5:08	7:08	4:48	7:26	4:58	These tables are for Jefferson City and points on the same longitude north and south. For locations east, subtract one minute for each 13.5 miles of airline distance. For locations west, add one minute for each 13.5 miles. For example, St. Louis is 106 miles east: subtract 8 minutes; Kansas City is 133 miles west: add 10 minutes.
2	6:39	7:37	7:06	6:50	6:37	5:07	7:09	4:48	7:27	4:59	
3	6:40	7:35	7:07	6:48	6:38	5:06	7:10	4:48	7:27	5:00	
4	6:41	7:34	7:08	6:47	6:39	5:05	7:10	4:48	7:27	5:01	
5	6:42	7:32	7:08	6:45	6:40	5:04	7:11	4:47	7:27	5:02	
6	6:43	7:31	7:09	6:43	6:41	5:03	7:12	4:47	7:27	5:03	
7	6:43	7:29	7:10	6:42	6:42	5:02	7:13	4:47	7:27	5:04	
8	6:44	7:28	7:11	6:40	6:43	5:01	7:14	4:47	7:27	5:05	
9	6:45	7:26	7:12	6:39	6:44	5:00	7:15	4:48	7:26	5:06	
10	6:46	7:24	7:13	6:37	6:45	4:59	7:16	4:48	7:26	5:07	
11	6:47	7:23	7:14	6:36	6:47	4:59	7:16	4:48	7:26	5:08	To find the sunrise and sunset times in your area, see the U.S. Naval Observatory web site: aa.usno.navy.mil
12	6:48	7:21	7:15	6:35	6:48	4:58	7:17	4:48	7:26	5:09	
13	6:49	7:20	7:16	6:33	6:49	4:57	7:18	4:48	7:26	5:10	
14	6:50	7:18	7:17	6:32	6:50	4:56	7:19	4:48	7:25	5:11	
15	6:50	7:16	7:18	6:30	6:51	4:55	7:19	4:49	7:25	5:12	
16	6:51	7:15	7:19	6:29	6:52	4:55	7:20	4:49	7:25	5:13	
17	6:52	7:13	7:20	6:27	6:53	4:54	7:21	4:49	7:24	5:14	
18	6:53	7:12	7:21	6:26	6:54	4:53	7:21	4:50	7:24	5:15	
19	6:54	7:10	7:22	6:25	6:55	4:53	7:22	4:50	7:23	5:16	
20	6:55	7:08	7:23	6:23	6:56	4:52	7:22	4:51	7:23	5:17	
21	6:56	7:07	7:24	6:22	6:57	4:52	7:23	4:51	7:22	5:18	
22	6:57	7:05	7:25	6:21	6:59	4:51	7:23	4:52	7:22	5:19	
23	6:58	7:04	7:26	6:19	7:00	4:51	7:24	4:52	7:21	5:21	
24	6:58	7:02	7:27	6:18	7:01	4:50	7:24	4:53	7:20	5:22	
25	6:59	7:01	7:28	6:17	7:02	4:50	7:25	4:53	7:20	5:23	
26	7:00	6:59	7:29	6:16	7:03	4:49	7:25	4:54	7:19	5:24	
27	7:01	6:57	7:30	6:14	7:04	4:49	7:25	4:55	7:18	5:25	
28	7:02	6:56	7:31	6:13	7:05	4:49	7:26	4:55	7:18	5:26	
29	7:03	6:54	7:33	6:12	7:06	4:48	7:26	4:56	7:17	5:27	
30	7:04	6:53	7:34	6:11	7:07	4:48	7:26	4:57	7:16	5:29	
31			7:35	6:10			7:26	4:58	7:15	5:30	

*Sunrise and sunset from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31 have been converted to Daylight-Saving Time.

Resident and Nonresident Deer Harvests

Some Missouri resident deer hunters have the mistaken notion that nonresident deer hunters outnumber the residents. In reality, nonresident hunters are a small minority.

For example, last year 923,453 firearms deer hunting permits were issued. Of those, 887,984, or 96 percent, were purchased by Missouri residents.

What about deer harvest? Of the 237,253 deer taken during the firearms deer season, 223,836, or 94 percent, were taken by resident hunters. The same is true for the

archery season; 93 percent of the deer taken last year were taken by Missouri residents.

At managed hunts, Missouri residents numbered 5,884 or 99 percent.

We should remember that many nonresident hunters are former residents who return to Missouri to hunt with family and friends. We welcome all responsible and ethical hunters.

2009 Deer and Turkey Permits

Anyone who hunts, takes or attempts to take wildlife in any way must have the prescribed permit(s). Each hunter must sign, carry and show, upon request, his or her permit to any officer who enforces the *Wildlife Code of Missouri*.

Points to remember

- You must have your signed permit in hand when you go afield to hunt.
- Permits cannot be exchanged or refunded.
- Permits may be used in any order, and multiple permits may be filled on the same day.
- Residents do not have to purchase a Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit or Archer's Hunting Permit before purchasing Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits.
- Before purchasing antlerless deer hunting permits, nonresidents must first purchase a Nonresident Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit or a Nonresident Archer's Hunting Permit, depending on the type of antlerless permit they want to use.

- You do not have to purchase your any-deer and antlerless deer permits at the same time, but most hunters prefer to buy more than one firearms permit before the season opens so they can take full advantage of harvest opportunities when they occur.

How to purchase permits

Purchase your deer and turkey hunting permits from July 1 through the end of the appropriate seasons using any of the following methods.

- Over the counter from any permit vendor. Buy early to avoid long lines.
- By telephone at (800) 392-4115 any time. Use your credit card, and pay a \$2 surcharge. Allow 10 days for delivery.
- Online anytime at www.wildlifelicense.com/mo. Use your credit card, and pay a \$2 surcharge. Allow 10 days for delivery.

Note: No-cost resident landowner permits are available at permit vendors. See pages 24 and 25 for more details.

Replacing permits: Lost or mutilated permits can be replaced by any vendor after verifying through a computer file

that you had purchased a permit. A replacement permit costs \$2.

Nonresident students and disabled veterans may purchase resident permits

New! A nonresident who is a registered student attending a public or private secondary, post secondary, or vocational school in Missouri and who lives in Missouri while attending school may purchase resident permits, except lifetime permits. Students must carry evidence of a Missouri residence and student status while hunting. Permits must be purchased at Conservation Department offices that sell permits.

Any honorably discharged military veteran having a service-related disability of 60 percent or greater, or who was a prisoner of war during military service, may purchase resident permits at any permit vendor; provided, while purchasing and exercising permit privileges such person must carry a certified statement of eligibility from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

New! Permits for residents and nonresidents under age 16

The Youth Deer & Turkey Hunting Permit and the Youth Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit are no longer available. Youth age 6 through 15, whether they are hunter-education certified or not, can purchase resident or nonresident deer and turkey hunting permits at reduced prices. See pages 23 and 24.

If the youth is hunter-education certified and hunting on a resident or nonresident firearms deer or turkey permit, he or she may hunt alone. However, if the youth is not hunter-ed certified, he or she must hunt in the immediate presence of a properly licensed adult hunter who has in his or her possession a valid hunter-ed certification card or was born before Jan. 1, 1967. The adult, however, may not hunt deer during the youth portions of the firearms deer season.

- "Immediate presence" means close enough for normal conversation, without shouting.
- "Properly licensed" means a valid firearms hunting permit for the appropriate season (i.e., either a filled or unfilled Firearms Deer or a Fall Firearms Turkey Hunting Permit).
- "Adult" means someone age 18 or older.

In addition, adults accompanying youths hunting deer

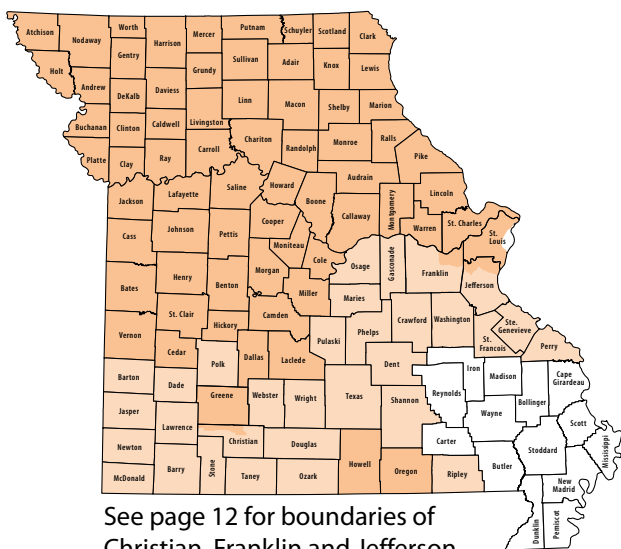
must wear hunter orange. Regardless of age, the youth must be capable of holding, aiming and shooting the firearm by him or herself.

Note: Youth Deer & Turkey Hunting Permits purchased for the 2009 spring turkey season are valid during the 2009 fall deer and turkey hunting season for the following:

- For 1 deer (of either sex) statewide during all portions of the firearms deer hunting season, except that only an antlerless deer may be taken during the urban zones and antlerless portions in open areas.
- and for 1 turkey (of either sex) during the fall firearms turkey hunting season.

Note: If a youth becomes hunter-ed certified while the Youth Deer & Turkey Hunting Permit is still valid, he or she can either:

- turn in the unused portions and purchase a regular firearms permit, which will allow the youth to hunt without an adult in the immediate presence (however, no refund will be given for unused portions);
- or continue to use the youth permit, but must hunt in the immediate presence of a qualified adult.



See page 12 for boundaries of Christian, Franklin and Jefferson counties.

Firearms antlerless permits

The number you can fill depends on the counties in which you hunt

Because female deer produce next year's deer, the harvest of does regulates both the size and growth rate of the deer herd.

Firearms antlerless deer hunting permits may be used as indicated below throughout all portions of the firearms deer season, except in closed areas during the urban zones and antlerless portions:

- Any number of firearms antlerless deer hunting permits may be filled. Resident landowners and lessees with at least 75 acres may receive two no-cost Landowner Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits and can also fill any number of purchased antlerless permits.
- One firearms antlerless deer hunting permit may be filled in each county. Resident landowners and lessees with at least 75 acres may receive and fill one no-cost Landowner Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit and can also fill one purchased antlerless permit.
- Antlerless deer may only be taken on an any-deer permit. No firearms antlerless deer hunting permits may be filled except, qualifying landowners may receive one no-cost antlerless permit, which they must fill on their land.

Resident permits

Resident Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit

For 1 deer (of either sex) statewide during the firearms deer hunting season

Age 16 and older..... \$17
New! Age 6–15¹..... \$8.50

Resident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit²

For 1 antlerless deer during the firearms deer hunting season in selected areas. See map to the left.

Age 16 and older..... \$7
New! Age 6–15¹..... \$3.50

Resident Managed Deer Hunting Permit³

For deer during a prescribed managed hunt. Valid for the number of deer allowed.

Age 16 and older..... \$17
New! Age 11–15⁴..... \$8.50

Resident Archer's Hunting Permit

For 2 deer and 2 turkey during the archery deer and turkey hunting season, for small game during prescribed seasons and to sell furbearers taken by archery methods

Age 16 and older..... \$19
New! Age 6–15..... \$9.50

Resident Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit²

For 1 antlerless deer during archery deer hunting season in selected counties. See map on page 9.

Age 16 and older..... \$7
New! Age 6–15..... \$3.50

Resident Fall Firearms Turkey Hunting Permit¹

For 2 turkey during the fall firearms season

Age 16 and older..... \$13
New! Age 6–15¹..... \$6.50

¹ If not hunter-education certified, a youth hunting on a firearms permit must be in the immediate presence of a properly licensed adult age 18 or older who is hunter-ed certified or exempt by age. See page 22.

² May be purchased in any number.

³ Application required; participation awarded through drawing.

⁴ Must be hunter-ed certified to participate in a managed hunt.

Obtain permission before entering private land. Your hunting permit does not authorize trespass.

2009 Deer and Turkey Permits (continued)

Nonresident permits⁴

Nonresident Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit

For 1 deer (of either sex) statewide during the firearms deer hunting season

Age 16 and older.....\$225

New! Age 6–15¹.....\$8.50

Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit²

For 1 antlerless deer during the firearms deer hunting season in selected areas. A Nonresident Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit or a Nonresident Managed Deer Hunting Permit is required as a prerequisite to this permit. See map on page 23.

Age 16 and older.....\$25

New! Age 6–15¹.....\$3.50

Nonresident Managed Deer Hunting Permit³

For deer during a prescribed managed hunt. Valid for the number of deer allowed.

Age 16 and older.....\$225

New! Age 11–15⁵.....\$8.50

Nonresident Archer's Hunting Permit

For 2 deer and 2 turkey during the archery deer and turkey hunting season, and for small game, except furbearers, during prescribed seasons

Age 16 and older.....\$225

New! Age 6–15.....\$9.50

Nonresident Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit²

For 1 antlerless deer during archery deer hunting season in selected counties. A Nonresident Archer's Hunting Permit is required as a prerequisite to this permit. See map on page 9.

Age 16 and older.....\$25

New! Age 6–15.....\$3.50

Nonresident Fall Firearms Turkey Hunting Permit

For 2 turkey during the fall firearms turkey hunting season

Age 16 and older.....\$110

New! Age 6–15¹.....\$6.50

¹ If not hunter-education certified, a youth hunting on a firearms permit must be in the immediate presence of a properly licensed adult age 18 or older who is hunter-ed certified or exempt by age. See page 22.

² May be purchased in any number.

³ Application required; participation awarded through drawing.

⁴ All nonresidents must purchase nonresident permits to hunt deer or turkey in Missouri, except for qualifying students and disabled veterans. See page 22.

⁵ Must be hunter-ed certified to participate in a managed hunt.

Resident Landowner Permits

Resident landowners and lessees who meet the requirements listed to the right are not required to purchase permits to take deer and turkey on their land during the appropriate hunting seasons, but they must pick up their no-cost permits from a permit vendor or request them from the Conservation Department. See page 25 for the list of landowner permits.

Note: All landowner permits are valid only on qualifying property. Hunter-education certification is not required to obtain these permits, but the hunter must be at least 6 years old.

Qualifying resident landowners and lessees who have at least 5 acres, and all members of their immediate household, may each receive:

1 Landowner Fall Firearms Turkey Hunting Permit

1 Landowner Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit

1 Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit

2 Landowner Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits, depending on county availability (see page 9)

Qualifications for landowner permits

Note: All landowners may be required to submit verification upon request if landownership cannot be verified through county plat books.

Resident landowner: Any Missouri resident who owns at least 5 continuous acres, and his or her immediate household members. In the case of corporate ownerships, all registered officers of a corporation can qualify to receive no-cost permits, and they are not required to reside on the land. Persons who own stock in a corporation (shareholders) do not qualify under this definition.

Lessee: Any Missouri resident who leases and lives on at least 5 continuous acres owned by others, and his or her immediate household members.

Immediate Household Member: Someone, related or unrelated, whose legal residence is the same as the qualifying landowner or lessee for at least the last 30 days. Family members whose legal residence is elsewhere do not qualify.

Resident Landowner Permits (*continued*)

Qualifying resident landowners and lessees who have 75 acres or more and all members of their immediate household may each receive:

All of the landowner permits listed on page 24 and up to 2 Resident Landowner Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits

Qualifying resident landowners and lessees:

- must abide by season dates, methods, limits and tagging/checking requirements. Refer to the appropriate hunting season section for details.
- must use landowner permits only on their qualifying property. To hunt on other land, landowners and lessees must purchase regular permits.
- may use their landowner permits to take deer on their land during all portions of the firearms season including the urban zones and antlerless portions (if their property is located in one of the open areas).
- with 75 or more acres in more than one county may not harvest more deer on *landowner antlerless permits* than can be taken by regular permittees in the county where hunting except in certain areas (see page 23).
- may fill a Landowner Any-Deer Permit and a purchased any-deer permit. **However, each hunter may only take one antlered deer during the firearms deer hunting season.** Therefore, landowners and lessees who take an antlered buck on one Any-Deer Permit must take an antlerless deer on the other Any-Deer Permit. **Note:** Deer taken on a Managed Deer Hunting Permit or in accordance with the archery deer hunting season do not count toward this one-buck limit.
- may fill their no-cost Landowner Antlerless Permits and also purchase and fill any number of additional antlerless permits where valid. **Note:** Resident landowners and lessees may also purchase and use permits in addition to the no-cost permits. However, only one antlered deer may be taken during the firearms season and a maximum of two antlered deer may be taken during the archery season. See pages 9 and 11.

Where to get your resident landowner permits

All no-cost deer and turkey hunting permits are available from permit vendors from July 1 through Jan. 15. This includes permits for resident landowners or lessees with multiple properties in different counties who want permits valid on their land in all of those counties.

To get no-cost permits, you will need to know the county or counties in which your property is located and the number of acres.

Pick up your permits early to avoid long lines. Landowner permits also are available from the Department's Jefferson City office. See inside front cover.

Attention landowners, age 42 and younger who are not hunter-education certified

Qualifying landowners and lessees hunting on their own land do not need to be hunter-education certified; however, beginning July 1, 2009, when mentoring a firearms hunter who is not hunter-ed certified and not hunting on a landowner permit, all mentors, including landowners and lessees hunting on their own land, must be at least 18 years old and hunter-education certified unless they were born before Jan. 1, 1967. If you need to become certified, check out the new online course at mdc.mo.gov/17844, or call a Department office near you to sign up for a course.

Resident landowner permits

All landowner permits are valid only on qualifying property. Hunter-education certification is not required to obtain these permits, but the hunter must be at least 6 years old.

Resident Landowner Fall Firearms

Turkey Hunting Permit..... no-cost
For 2 turkey during the fall firearms turkey hunting season.

Resident Landowner Firearms

Any-Deer Hunting Permit..... no-cost
For 1 deer (of either sex) during the firearms deer hunting season.

Resident Landowner Firearms

Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit no-cost
For 1 antlerless deer during the firearms deer hunting season in selected counties. See map on page 23.

Resident Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit no-cost

For 2 deer and 2 turkey during the archery deer and turkey hunting season, and for small game during prescribed seasons and to sell furbearers taken by hunting.

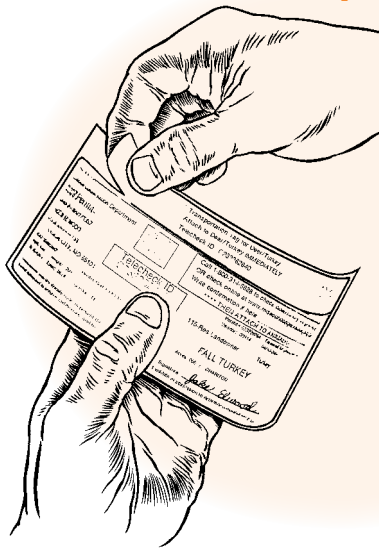
Resident Landowner Archery

Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit no-cost
For 1 antlerless deer during archery deer hunting season in selected counties. See map on page 9.

Use Landowner Permits Wisely

- ▶ To keep costs down and to help provide more funding for habitat and wildlife management, ask the permit vendor for only the landowner permits that you plan to use.
- ▶ It is illegal to allow other hunters to check deer and turkey on your landowner permits.

Tagging and Checking Procedures



Step 1 Immediately after harvest, separate the transportation tag from your permit. If you have more than one permit, be sure you are using the correct permit.



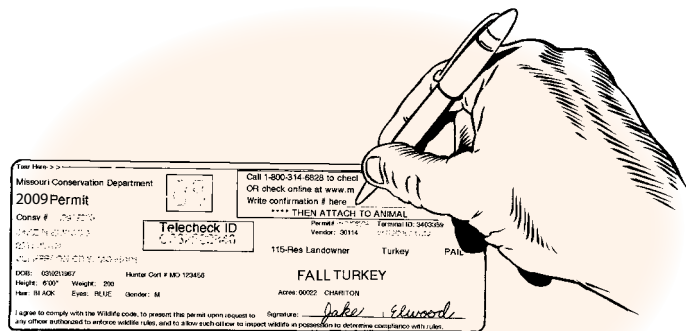
Step 2 Attach the transportation tag to the game's leg. You may now legally transport your game within Missouri.



Step 3 Check your deer or turkey on the day of harvest using the Telecheck instructions on page 28.



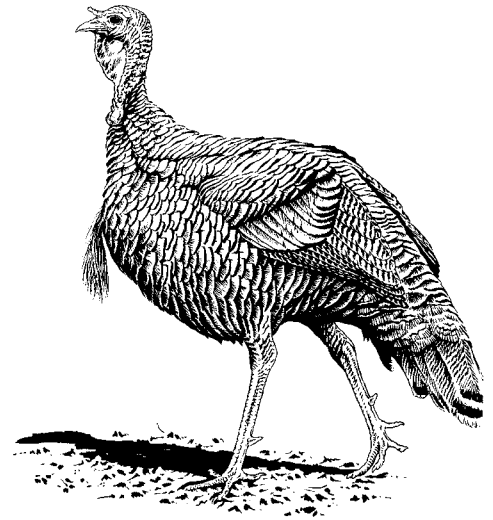
Step 5 Immediately attach your permit to the game, and the checking procedure is completed. You may now transport your game out of state, take it to a processor or process it yourself.



Step 4 Write your confirmation number on your permit.

Things to remember before tagging and checking

- ▶ Use the correct permit. Check your permit carefully before attaching the transportation tag when you are carrying more than one permit. In the excitement of the hunt, sometimes hunters accidentally put their any-deer permit on a doe, thus stopping them from taking a buck later on in the season. Remember: Removing a transportation tag from a permit will invalidate that permit.
- ▶ Until checked, the head of the deer must remain attached and turkey must have the head and plumage intact.
- ▶ Detaching the transportation tag invalidates the permit, so do not detach until immediately after harvest.
- ▶ The transportation tag and permit with confirmation number must remain attached to the game until processing for consumption begins.
- ▶ All deer and turkey must be checked before they are removed from the state.
- ▶ **Deer and turkey must be checked by 10 p.m. on the day the game is harvested.**
- ▶ Only the taker may possess and transport deer and turkeys before checking.
- ▶ After checking, deer and turkey may be possessed and transported by anyone, but must be labeled with the taker's full name, address, Telecheck confirmation number and date taken.
- ▶ Avoid duplicate Telecheck records. If you are given an eight-digit confirmation number when you call Telecheck, your checking information has been successfully received and recorded. Write the confirmation number on the permit, attach the permit to the game and the checking process is complete. Do not call again to check the same deer or turkey.



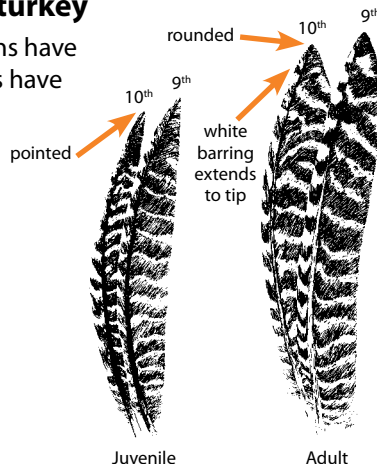
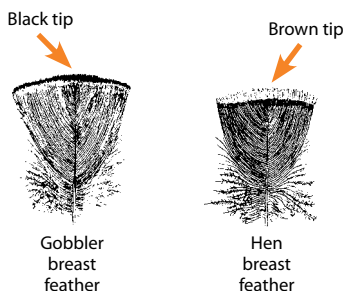
If you harvest a buck that has shed its antlers or broken the antlers off less than 3 inches from their base, record the harvest on Telecheck as an antlered buck with 0 points.

Information needed to Telecheck turkeys

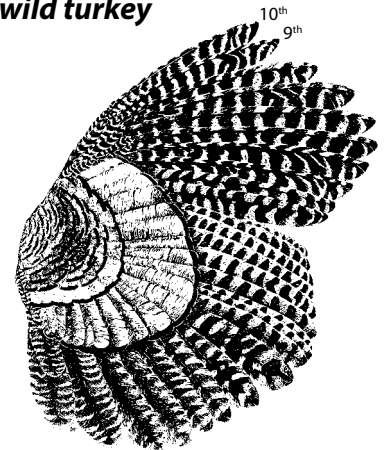
Turkeys must be checked by telephone or internet. See page 28. During checking, hunters will be asked the age and sex of their turkey. Monitoring the age and sex of harvested turkeys through checking provides a valuable measure of the fall harvest. Aging and sexing turkeys is simple. See illustrations.

How to determine the sex of a turkey

Look at the lower half of the breast. Hens have brown-tipped breast feathers. Gobblers have black-tipped breast feathers.



Primary feathers of adult wild turkey



How to age a turkey

To age a turkey, look at the two outermost feathers on the wing. Juveniles have pointed primary tips. Adults have rounded tips.

How to use Telecheck: Phone & Internet Checking

All deer and turkey must be checked by telephone or on the internet. If using a cell phone, be sure you have a clear signal. If the signal is spotty, move closer to a major highway, go to higher ground, or wait until you get to a land-based line to call. Avoid calling in areas with loud background noise.

You do not need to call Telecheck immediately after taking the game. You can transport unchecked game within the state, as long as the transportation tag is attached to the leg. **You have until 10 p.m. on the day taken to check your deer or turkey.**

To use the easy-to-use electronic checking system, follow the steps below.

Step 1: Before calling the toll-free number or going online, find your Telecheck ID number on your permit. **If you have more than one permit, be sure you give the number of the permit you want to use.** Also get a pen so you will be able to write your Telecheck confirmation number on your permit.

Step 2: Fill out the form to the right, which contains the same information you will be asked when you use Telecheck.

Step 3: Use a phone to dial the toll-free number below, then follow the instructions in the phone interview. Speak clearly and slowly. You can call between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

To check a deer or turkey, call



1-800-314-6828.

Or go to:

www.missouriconservation.org
on the internet and follow the instructions.

Step 4: After you have provided the required information, you will be given an eight-digit confirmation number that verifies you have legally checked your game. **Write this number on the main portion of the permit and attach it to the deer or turkey.**

You have now completed checking your game and can process your deer or turkey.

If checking a turkey, you will need:

► Your Telecheck ID number:

► Turkey type (To age and sex turkeys, see page 27):

☐ adult gobbler

☐ adult hen

☐ juvenile gobbler

☐ juvenile hen

► County where turkey was taken:

If checking a deer, you will need:

► Your Telecheck ID number:

► Deer type:

☐ doe

☐ button buck

☐ antlered buck

Note: If you harvest a buck that has shed its antlers, record the harvest as an antlered buck with 0 points.

_____ total number of points 1 inch or longer
(see how to count points on page 4)

► County where deer was taken:

Note: If you harvested deer in Boone, Cass, Christian, Cole, Franklin or Jefferson counties, you will be asked: Did you harvest a deer within an urban zone? (See page 12).

Attention Cell Phone Users

The most common reason hunters are unable to complete their Telecheck transaction is because of a poor cellular telephone connection. Signals that are weak, fade in and out, or “clip” speech will not work with the system. Once you’ve attached the temporary transportation tag to your deer or turkey, you have until 10 p.m. on the day of harvest to check the animal. Wait until you are out of the woods and receive a clear, strong cell phone connection before placing your Telecheck call.



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3 CSR 10-7.431 Deer Hunting Seasons: General Provisions

(1) The current Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, published annually in August, is hereby adopted as a part of this Code and by this reference herein incorporated. A printed copy of this booklet can be obtained from the Missouri Department of Conservation, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180 and is online at www.missouriconservation.org. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

(2) Deer shall mean white-tailed deer and mule deer. Antlered deer shall mean deer with at least one (1) antler at least three inches (3") long, except as provided in 3 CSR 10-7.435. Deer may be pursued, taken, killed, possessed or transported only as permitted in this Code.

(3) Persons hunting or pursuing deer must possess a prescribed deer hunting permit. Resident landowners and lessees can qualify for no-cost permits.

(4) Deer may be pursued or taken only from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

(5) Deer Hunting Methods.

(A) Archery: longbows, recurve bows and compound bows.

(B) Muzzleloader: muzzleloading or cap-and-ball firearms, .40 caliber or larger, not capable of being loaded from the breech.

(C) Any legal method: archery and muzzleloader methods; crossbows; shotguns; handguns or rifles firing centerfire ammunition; and air-powered guns, .40 caliber or larger, charged only from an external high compression power source (external hand pump, air tank, or air compressor).

(D) Prohibited, in use or possession:

1. Methods restricted by local ordinance.

2. Self-loading firearms with capacity of more than eleven (11) cartridges in magazine and chamber combined.

3. Ammunition propelling more than one (1) projectile at a single discharge, such as buckshot.

4. Full hard metal case projectiles.

5. Fully automatic firearms.

6. Electronic calls or electronically activated calls.

(6) Deer may not be hunted, pursued, taken or killed:

(A) While in a stream or other body of water.

(B) From a boat with a motor attached.

(C) With the aid of a motor-driven land conveyance or aircraft.

(D) With the aid of dogs, in use or possession.

(E) With the aid of artificial light or night vision equipment.

(F) Within any area enclosed by a fence greater than seven feet (7') in height that could contain or restrict the free range of deer. Exceptions are provided in other rules or by written authorization of the director.

(G) With the aid of bait (grain or other feed placed or scattered so as to constitute an attraction or enticement to deer). Scents and minerals, including salt, are not regarded as bait, however, mineral blocks with food additives are prohibited. An area is considered baited for ten (10) days following complete removal of bait. Hunters can be in violation even if they did not know an area was baited. It is illegal to place bait in a way that causes others to be in violation of the baiting rule.

(7) During the firearms deer hunting season and during managed firearms deer hunts on those areas where such hunts are held, all persons hunting any game and also adults accompanying youths hunting deer on a Youth Deer

and Turkey Hunting Permit, must wear a cap or hat and a shirt, vest, or coat of the color commonly known as hunter orange, which must be plainly visible from all sides. Camouflage orange garments do not meet this requirement. The following are exempt from this requirement:

(A) Migratory game bird hunters;

(B) Archery permittees during the muzzleloader portion;

(C) All hunters in counties closed during the urban zones and antlerless portions;

(D) Hunters using archery methods while hunting within municipal boundaries where discharge of firearms is prohibited;

(E) Hunters on federal or state public hunting areas and during managed hunts where deer hunting is restricted to archery or crossbow methods; and

(F) Hunters of small game and/or furbearers during the muzzleloader portion.

(8) Hunters who kill or injure a deer must make a reasonable effort to retrieve and tag it, but this does not authorize trespass.

(9) Hunters who take a deer must tag it immediately with the transportation tag portion of the permit; detaching the transportation tag voids the permit. Deer may be possessed and transported only by the taker until reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System. All deer taken must be accurately reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System by 10:00 p.m. on the day taken by the taker or in the taker's immediate presence. The Telecheck confirmation number must be recorded immediately on the deer hunting permit as indicated on the permit, and immediately attached to the deer by the taker. The transportation tag and deer hunting permit with confirmation number must remain attached to the intact or field-dressed carcass until the

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deer is processed. All deer must be reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System prior to processing or being removed from the state.

(10) Deer (or parts thereof) reported in accordance with established procedures, when labeled with the full name, address, and confirmation number of the taker, may be possessed, transported, and stored by anyone. Commercially processed deer meat may be donated to not-for-profit charitable organizations under guidelines established by the director.

3 CSR 10-7.432 Deer: Archery Hunting Season

(1) The archery deer hunting season is September 15, 2009, through January 15, 2010, excluding the November portion of the firearms deer hunting season. Use archery methods only; firearms may not be possessed.

(2) Archery Deer Hunting Permits.

(A) Resident or Nonresident Archer's Hunting Permit. Valid for two (2) deer statewide, except that only one (1) antlered deer may be taken prior to the November portion of the firearms deer hunting season.

(B) Resident or Nonresident Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit. Valid for one (1) antlerless deer in any open county. Persons may purchase and fill any number of these permits,

where valid. A Nonresident Archer's Hunting Permit must be purchased before purchasing Nonresident Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits.

3 CSR 10-7.433 Deer: Firearms Hunting Season

(1) The firearms deer hunting season is comprised of six (6) portions.

(A) Urban zones portion: October 9 through 12, 2009; use any legal deer hunting method to take antlerless deer in open zones.

(B) Youth portions: October 31 and November 1, 2009 and January 2 and 3, 2010; for persons at least six (6) but not older than fifteen (15) years of age; use any legal deer hunting method to take one (1) deer statewide during the October 31 and November 1, 2009 portion; use any legal deer hunting method to take deer statewide during the January 2 and 3, 2010 portion.

(C) November portion: November 14 through 24, 2009; use any legal deer hunting method to take deer statewide.

(D) Muzzleloader portion: December 19 through 29, 2009; use muzzleloader methods to take deer statewide.

(E) Antlerless portion: November 25 through December 6, 2009; use any legal deer hunting method to take antlerless deer in open counties.

(2) Firearms Deer Hunting Permits.

(A) Resident or Nonresident Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit: valid for one (1) deer statewide, except that only antlerless deer may be taken during the urban zones and antlerless portions of the season.

(B) Resident or Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit: valid for one (1) antlerless deer in any open county. Persons may purchase any number of these permits and fill them where valid. A Nonresident Firearms Any-Deer Hunting

Permit must be purchased before purchasing Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits.

(3) A person may take only one (1) antlered deer during the firearms deer hunting season. Deer taken at managed deer hunts are not included in this limit.

(4) Other wildlife may be hunted during the firearms deer hunting season with the following restrictions:

(A) During the November portion statewide and the antlerless portion in open counties, other wildlife may be hunted only with pistol, revolver, or rifle firing a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire cartridge, or a shotgun and shot not larger than No. 4; except that waterfowl hunters, trappers, landowners on their land or lessees on land upon which they reside may use other methods as specified in 3 CSR 10-7.410(1)(G).

(B) Furbearers may be hunted using any legal deer hunting method during established furbearer hunting seasons by persons holding an unfilled Firearms Deer Hunting Permit, and:

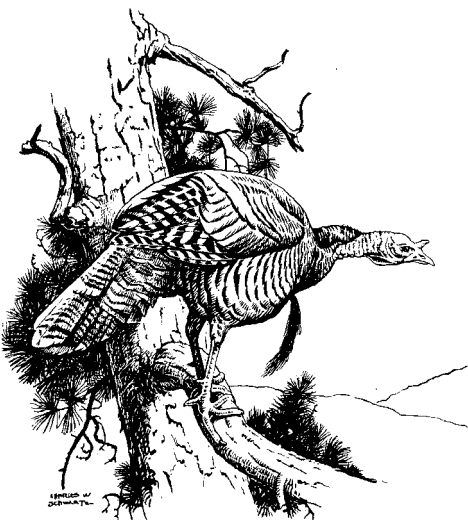
1. A Resident Small Game Hunting Permit; or

2. A Nonresident Furbearer Hunting and Trapping Permit.

(C) Furbearers may not be chased, pursued, or taken with the aid of dogs during daylight hours from November 1 through the end of the November portion statewide and the antlerless portion in open counties.

(D) Squirrels and rabbits may not be chased, pursued, or taken with the aid of dogs during daylight hours of the November portion in Butler, Carter, Dent, Iron, Madison, Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon, and Wayne counties.

(5) Feral hogs, defined as any hog, including Russian and European wild boar, not conspicuously identified by ear tags or other forms of identification and roaming freely on public or



private lands without the landowner's permission (refer to section 270.400 of *Missouri Revised Statutes*), may be taken in any number during the firearms deer hunting season as follows:

(A) Hunters must possess a valid small game hunting or unfilled firearms deer hunting permit and abide by the methods of pursuit allowed for deer as well as any other restrictions that may apply on specific public areas.

(B) During the November portion statewide and the antlerless portion in open counties:

1. Firearms deer permittees may only use methods allowed for deer.
2. Small game permittees may only use pistol, revolver, or rifle firing a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire cartridge, or a shotgun with shot not larger than No. 4.
3. Dogs may not be used.

(C) During the youth and muzzleloader portions statewide and the urban zones portion in open counties:

1. Deer permittees may only use methods allowed for deer.
2. Small game permittees may only use methods allowed for small game.

(D) Resident landowners and lessees on qualifying land are not required to have any permit and may use any method to take feral hogs throughout the year.

3 CSR 10-7.434 Deer: Landowner Privileges

(1) Resident landowners and lessees as outlined in the *Fall Deer & Turkey Regulations and Information* booklet can obtain no-cost deer hunting permits from any permit vendor.

(A) Those with five (5) or more continuous acres can each receive one (1) Resident Landowner Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit,

one (1) Resident Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit, and, if property is in a county in which Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits can be used, two (2) Resident Landowner Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits.

(B) In addition to the permits listed in subsection (1)(A), those with seventy-five (75) or more acres located in a single county or at least seventy-five (75) continuous acres bisected by a county boundary can receive a maximum of two (2) Resident Landowner Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits. Landowners with at least seventy-five (75) acres in more than one county must comply with landowner antlerless deer limits for each county.

(2) All landowner deer hunting permits are valid only on qualifying property.

(3) All landowners and lessees who take deer on landowner permits may also purchase and fill other deer hunting permits but must abide by seasons, limits, and restrictions. A landowner or lessee may take only one (1) antlered deer during the firearms deer hunting season. A landowner or lessee may take only two (2) antlered deer during the archery deer hunting season except that only one (1) antlered deer may be taken prior to the November portion of the firearms deer hunting season.

(4) Persons defined as landowners include:

- (A) General partners of partnerships;
- (B) Officers of resident or foreign corporations;
- (C) Officers or managing members of resident limited liability companies; and
- (D) Officers of benevolent associations organized pursuant to Chapter 352 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

3 CSR 10-7.435 Deer: Special Harvest Provisions

(1) Only antlerless deer and antlered deer with at least one (1) antler having

at least four (4) antler points may be taken in the counties of Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Audrain, Barton, Bates, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Caldwell, Callaway, Camden, Carroll, the portion of Cass county not included in the Kansas City urban zone, Cedar, Chariton, Clark, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Daviess, DeKalb, the portions of Franklin and Jefferson counties not included in the St. Louis urban zone, Gasconade, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Howard, Johnson, Knox, Lafayette, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Maries, Marion, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Nodaway, Osage, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Pulaski, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Ray, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, St. Clair, Ste. Genevieve, Sullivan, Vernon, Warren, and Worth. No other antlered deer may be taken.

(A) An antler point is at least one inch (1") long from base to tip.

(B) The end of the main beam is a point.

(2) These special provisions apply to all deer hunting seasons and permittees, except during the youth portions of the firearms deer hunting season.

3 CSR 10-7.436 Deer: Managed Hunts

Additional deer may be taken at special managed deer hunts established annually by the department.



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A person may apply for and participate in only one (1) managed deer hunt during a permit year except that persons permanently confined to a wheelchair may participate in more than one (1) hunt. Persons selected to participate must purchase a Resident or Nonresident Managed Deer Hunting Permit and abide by rules established for the hunt.

3 CSR 10-7.437 Deer: Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit Availability

(1) Archery Deer Hunting Season.

(A) Resident and Nonresident Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits are not valid in the counties of: Bollinger, Butler, Carter, Dunklin, Iron, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Reynolds, Scott, Stoddard, and Wayne.

(2) Firearms Deer Hunting Season.

(A) Resident and Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits are not valid in the counties of: Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Dunklin, Iron, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Reynolds, Scott, Stoddard, and Wayne except that resident landowners and lessees with seventy five (75) or more acres can each

receive one (1) Resident Landowner Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit.

(B) Only one (1) Resident or Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit per person may be filled in the counties of: Barry, Barton, the portion of Christian County not included in the Springfield urban zone, Crawford, Dade, Dent, Douglas, the portions of Franklin and Jefferson counties not included in the St. Louis urban zone, Gasconade, Jasper, Lawrence, Maries, McDonald, Newton, Osage, Ozark, Perry, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Ripley, Shannon, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Stone, Taney, Texas, Washington, Webster, and Wright.

(C) Any number of Resident or Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits may be filled in the counties of: Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Audrain, Bates, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Caldwell, Callaway, Camden, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Chariton, the portion of Christian County included in the Springfield urban zone, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Dallas, Daviess, DeKalb, the portions of Franklin and Jefferson counties included in the St. Louis urban zone, Gentry, Greene, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Howard, Howell, Jackson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lafayette, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Marion, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Nodaway, Oregon, Pettis, Pike, Platte, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Ray, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Louis, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, Sullivan, Vernon, Warren, and Worth.

3 CSR 10-7.438 Deer: Regulations for Department Areas

Deer may be hunted on lands owned or leased by the department and on lands managed by the department under cooperative agreement as authorized in the current Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information

booklet, published annually in August. This publication is incorporated by reference. A copy of this booklet is published by and can be obtained from the Missouri Department of Conservation, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180. It is also available online at www.missouriconservation.org. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

3 CSR 10-7.455 Turkeys: Seasons, Methods, Limits

(1) Turkeys may be pursued, taken, killed, possessed or transported only as permitted in this rule.

(A) Spring Season. Spring season annually will begin on the third Monday in April. A person possessing the prescribed turkey hunting permit may take turkeys according to the season length and bag limit established annually by the Conservation Commission. Turkeys may be taken only by shotgun with shot no larger than No. 4, or bow, without the use of dogs, bait, electronic calls or live decoys, from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT). Possession of electronic calls or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. 4 is prohibited while hunting turkeys.

(B) Fall Firearms Season. Fall season annually will be October 1 through October 31. A person possessing the prescribed turkey hunting permit may take two (2) turkeys of either sex during the season. Turkeys may be taken only by shotgun with shot no larger than No. 4 or bow; without the use of dogs, bait, electronic calls or live decoys; from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset in all counties except: Dunklin, McDonald, Mississippi, New Madrid, Newton, Pemiscot and Scott. Possession of electronic calls or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. 4 is prohibited while hunting turkeys. A person, while in the act of pursuing or hunting turkey on a fall firearms



permit, shall not have both a firearm and longbow on his/her person.

(C) Fall Archery Season. A person possessing the prescribed archer's hunting permit may take two (2) turkeys of either sex from September 15 through January 15, excluding the dates of the November portion of the firearms deer season. Turkeys may be taken only by bows; without the use of dogs, bait, electronic calls or live decoys; from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. An archer, while in the act of pursuing or hunting turkey on an archer's permit, shall not have a firearm on his/her person. Possession of electronic calls is prohibited while hunting turkeys.

(D) Youth Spring Season. The two (2)-day youth spring season will begin annually on the Saturday nine (9) days prior to the Monday opening of the spring season, except that when the youth season would overlap with Easter weekend the season will open on the Saturday prior to Easter weekend. Any person possessing the prescribed turkey hunting permit and who is at least six (6) but not older than fifteen (15) years of age on the opening day of the youth spring season may take only one (1) male turkey or turkey with visible beard during the youth spring season. A turkey harvested during the youth spring season will count towards an individual's spring season bag limit; individuals hunting under the prescribed turkey hunting permit may not harvest a second bird during the first week of the spring season. Turkeys may be taken only by shotgun with shot no larger than No. 4, or bow, without the use of dogs, bait, electronic calls or live decoys, from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset. Possession of electronic calls or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. 4 is prohibited while hunting turkeys.

(2) Hunters who take a turkey must tag it immediately with the transportation

tag portion of the permit; detaching the transportation tag voids the permit. Turkeys may be possessed and transported only by the taker until reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System. All turkeys taken must be accurately reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System by 10:00 p.m. on the day taken by the taker or in the taker's immediate presence. The Telecheck confirmation number must be recorded immediately on the turkey hunting permit as indicated on the permit, and immediately attached to the turkey by the taker. The transportation tag and turkey hunting permit with confirmation number must remain attached to the turkey with the head and plumage intact until the turkey is processed. All turkeys must be reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System prior to processing or being removed from the state.

(3) Bait shall mean grain or other feed placed or scattered so as to constitute an attraction or enticement to turkeys. An area shall be considered baited for ten (10) days following complete removal of the bait.

(4) Each permit holder hunting with a shotgun shall first affix an approved safety sticker to the receiver of his/her gun where it will be in his/her line of sight when shooting, and maintain the sticker on the gun when hunting.

(5) A resident landowner or lessee as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805, possessing a landowner turkey hunting permit, may take and possess turkeys in accordance with this rule on his/her land or, in the case of the lessee, on the land on which s/he resides and shall report the turkeys through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System as required in this rule.

(6) Any person who kills or injures any wild turkey shall make a reasonable effort to retrieve the turkey and include it in his/her season limit.

(7) Turkeys (or parts thereof) reported in accordance with established

procedures, when labeled with the full name, address, and confirmation number of the taker, may be possessed, transported, given away, and stored by anyone.

(8) In accordance with section 270.400, RSMo feral hogs (any hog, including Russian and European wild boar, that is not conspicuously identified by ear tags or other forms of identification and is roaming freely upon public or private lands without the landowner's permission) may be taken in any number during the spring firearms turkey season and youth spring season only by the holder of a valid, unused turkey hunting permit; and only by methods and times prescribed for taking turkeys. During the fall firearms turkey season, feral hogs may be taken only by the holder of a valid, unused turkey hunting permit or a small game hunting permit; and only by methods prescribed in Chapter 7 for taking wildlife, and without the use of bait. Other restrictions may apply on public lands. Resident landowners or lessees as defined in this Code may take feral hogs on their own property at any time, by any method and without permit.



Deer Hunting Regulations on Areas Managed or Owned by the Conservation Department


To maintain healthy populations of deer and to provide quality and varied hunting opportunities statewide, conservation area managers and biologists carefully evaluate the effects of deer hunting on all areas owned or managed by the Conservation Department. The six different options are designed to limit doe harvest at various levels and provide different types of hunting. Check the chart below to find the type of hunt you prefer.

Deer hunting is only allowed on Department areas that are listed in the chart. If an area that is owned or managed by the Conservation Department is not listed, deer hunting is not allowed, except during managed hunts. For hunting opportunities on public land that is not owned or managed by the Conservation Department, contact the appropriate agency.

For maps and more details of areas listed on the following pages, contact the regional office or go to the website listed on the inside front cover.

Regulation key for chart (pages 34–42)

1. Statewide deer seasons and limits apply.
2. Only archery methods may be used. Deer hunting with firearms is prohibited. All other statewide deer seasons and limits apply.
3. Only archery and muzzleloading methods may be used. All other statewide deer seasons and limits apply.
4. Archery and firearms deer hunting is permitted for antlered or antlerless deer on the following permits only: Archer's Hunting Permit, Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit, and Youth Deer and Turkey Hunting Permit. No archery or firearm antlerless permits may be used. All other statewide seasons and limits apply.
5. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken on an Archer's Hunting Permit. Only antlered deer may be taken during the youth, November, and muzzleloader portions of the firearms deer season with the following permits: Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permits and Youth Deer and Turkey Hunting Permits. No archery or firearm antlerless permits may be used. Closed to firearms deer hunting during the urban zones and antlerless portions. All other statewide deer seasons and limits apply.
6. Archery and firearms deer hunting is permitted for antlered or antlerless deer on the following permits only: Archer's Hunting Permit, Firearms Any-Deer Permit, and Youth Deer and Turkey Hunting Permit. No archery or firearms antlerless permits may be used. Closed to firearms deer hunting during the urban zones and antlerless portions. All other statewide deer seasons and limits apply.

NORTHWEST 		(816) 271-3100					
Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Agency	Buchanan	✓					
Aspinwall Bend	Atchison				✓		
Bagley Woods	Mercer	✓					
Belcher Branch Lake	Buchanan			✓			
Bilby Ranch Lake	Nodaway			✓			
Bluffwoods	Buchanan				✓		
Bonanza	Caldwell				✓		
Brickyard Hill	Atchison				✓		
Brown	Holt		✓				
Bunch Hollow	Carroll	✓					
Chloe Lowry Marsh	Mercer	✓					
Christie	Andrew	✓					
Corning	Atchison, Holt				✓		
Crooked River	Ray			✓			
Dalton Bottoms Access	Chariton	✓					
Davis Memorial	Andrew	✓					
Denton Access	Gentry			✓			
Deroin Bend	Atchison, Holt				✓		
Dupree Memorial	Buchanan		✓				
Elam Bend	Gentry				✓		
Elrod Mill Access	Andrew	✓					
Floyd Memorial	Chariton		✓				
Fountain Grove	Linn, Livingston		✓				
Gallatin	Daviess				✓		
Grand Pass	Saline		✓				
Grand Trace	Harrison				✓		
Hadorn Bridge Access	Andrew		✓				
Happy Holler Lake	Andrew				✓		
Hardin	Ray	✓					
Helton Memorial	Harrison				✓		
Holmes Bend Access	Daviess	✓					
Honey Creek	Andrew					✓	

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Jamesport Community Lake	Daviess		✓				
King Lake	DeKalb, Gentry			✓			
Kneib Memorial	Buchanan		✓				
Lake Paho	Mercer			✓			
Little Compton Lake	Carroll			✓			
Little Tarkio Prairie	Holt	✓					
Logan Memorial	Buchanan		✓				
Lotts Creek	Harrison	✓					
Lower Hamburg Bend	Atchison			✓			
McClure	Mercer	✓					
McCormack	Holt			✓			
McKinny	Carroll	✓					
Mockingbird Hill Access	Grundy		✓				
Monkey Mountain	Holt				✓		
Mussel Fork	Linn, Macon					✓	
Nishnabotna	Atchison				✓		
Nodaway County Community Lake	Nodaway			✓			
Nodaway Valley	Holt, Andrew		✓				
Pawnee Prairie	Harrison	✓					
Pigeon Hill	Buchanan			✓			
Pony Express Lake	Dekalb					✓	
Poosey	Livingston	✓					
Price Bridge Access	Chariton	✓					
Punkin Center Access	Livingston			✓			
Riverbreaks	Holt				✓		
Rush Bottoms	Holt				✓		
Schifferdecker Memorial	Carroll	✓					
Seat Memorial	Gentry, Worth					✓	
Sowards Ford Access	Worth			✓			
Star School Hill Prairie	Atchison	✓					
Sterling Price Community Lake	Chariton		✓				
Sunbridge Hills	Buchanan		✓				
Tarkio Prairie	Atchison				✓		
Thurnau	Holt				✓		
Vandyke	Mercer	✓					
Wagner	Ray			✓			


Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Wolf Creek Bend	Holt				✓		
Worth County Community Lake	Worth			✓			
Worthwine Island	Andrew				✓		
Yellow Creek	Chariton		✓				
NORTHEAST  (660) 785-2420							
Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Anderson	Ralls, Pike				✓		
Arrow-Wood	Shelby	✓					
Atlanta—Long Branch Lake	Macon					✓	
Bee Hollow	Macon, Randolph	✓					
Big Creek	Adair			✓			
Black Hawk Access	Marion	✓					
Bollow	Shelby	✓					
Buck and Doe Run	Clark	✓					
Callahan Mound Access	Marion	✓					
Cedar Bluff Access	Monroe	✓					
Clark	Clark				✓		
Dark Hollow	Sullivan					✓	
Deer Ridge	Lewis				✓		
Dodd Access	Macon		✓				
Dunn Ford Access	Marion	✓					
Dupont Reservation	Pike			✓			
Elmslie Memorial	Marion	✓					
Ewing Lake	Scotland		✓				
Fox Valley Lake	Clark				✓		
Frost Island	Clark			✓			
Griffiths Memorial	Macon			✓			
Heath Memorial	Clark				✓		
Henry Sever Lake	Knox				✓		
Hidden Hollow	Macon	✓					
Hunnewell Lake	Shelby				✓		
Indian Hills	Scotland			✓			
LaBelle Lake	Lewis		✓				
Locust Creek	Sullivan				✓		
McPike Access	Marion		✓				
Mineral Hills	Putnam	✓					
Montgomery Woods	Adair, Macon	✓					
Morris Prairie	Sullivan			✓			
Mound View Access	Shelby		✓				

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Neeper	Clark	✓					
Pin Oak	Shelby	✓					
Ranacker	Pike					✓	
Ray Memorial	Marion		✓				
Rebel's Cove	Putnam, Schuyler				✓		
Redman	Macon			✓			
Rocky Hollow	Monroe	✓					
Rose Pond	Clark	✓					
Sears Community Lake	Sullivan		✓				
Shanks	Pike		✓				
Shoemaker	Adair	✓					
Soulard Access	Marion	✓					
Sugar Creek	Adair	✓					
Sunnyside School Access	Lewis	✓					
Sunrise Access	Marion		✓				
Thomas Hill Reservoir	Macon	✓					
Tolona Access	Lewis		✓				
Union Ridge	Adair, Putnam, Sullivan					✓	
Upper Mississippi— Angle, Blackbird, Blackburn, Ducher, Gilbert, Mozier, North, Pharris and South Fritz islands	Pike	✓					
Upper Mississippi— Bay Island	Marion		✓				
Upper Mississippi— Cottonwood Island	Lewis	✓					
Upper Mississippi— Fabius, Orton, Poage, Whitney, Ziegler islands	Marion	✓					
White Oak Bend Access	Knox	✓					
Willingham Memorial	Monroe	✓					
Woodlawn Access	Monroe	✓					
Wyaconda Crossing	Lewis	✓					

<div> KANSAS CITY  (816) 655-6250 </div>							
Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Amarugia Highland	Cass						✓
Balltown Access	Vernon	✓					
Baltimore Bend	Lafayette	✓					
Big Buffalo Creek	Benton, Morgan	✓					
Big Drywood Creek	Vernon		✓				
Birdsong	St. Clair	✓					
Bittern Bottoms	Cass		✓				
Blackjack Access	St. Clair	✓					
Brickley Hollow Access	Benton		✓				
Bridger Urban	Jackson		✓				
Bristow	Vernon						✓
Brun's Tract	Pettis			✓			
Bryson's Hope	Pettis			✓			
Cephas Ford Access	Vernon	✓					
Chapel View Prairie	Henry			✓			
Cooley Lake	Clay			✓			
Dave Rock	St. Clair						✓
Dorsett Hill Prairie	Cass		✓				
Douglas Branch	Vernon	✓					
Drovers Prairie	Pettis			✓			
Edmonson Access	Benton		✓				
Ferguson-Herold	Lafayette		✓				
Fewel	Henry			✓			
Flight Lake	Vernon						✓
Four Rivers Unit 1 (north of Little Osage River), 2 & 3	Vernon, Bates		✓				
Four Rivers Unit 1 (portion south of Little Osage River & Prairie Woods Tract)	Vernon, Bates	✓					
Four Rivers Unit 4	Vernon, Bates			✓			
Friendly Prairie	Pettis			✓			
Gama Grass Prairie	Vernon			✓			
Grandfather Prairie	Pettis			✓			
Granny's Acres	Benton	✓					
Grove Memorial	Lafayette		✓				

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Harmony Mission Lake	Bates			✓			
Hartwell	Pettis			✓			
Hazel Hill Lake	Johnson						✓
Hi Lonesome Prairie	Benton			✓			
Ionia Ridge	Benton			✓			
Kahrs-Boger Park	Pettis						✓
J.N. "Turkey" Kearn Memorial Units 1,2	Pettis, Johnson					✓	
J.N. "Turkey" Kearn Memorial Unit 3	Pettis, Johnson			✓			
W.R. Kearn	Pettis			✓			
Kenzora	Buchanan, Platte		✓				
Kings Prairie Access	St. Clair	✓					
Ladue Bottoms	Henry			✓			
Liberty Bend	Clay		✓				
Linscomb	St. Clair						✓
Little Bean Marsh	Platte		✓				
Lone Jack Lake	Jackson		✓				
Lost Valley Fish Hatchery	Benton		✓				
Maple Leaf Lake	Lafayette						✓
Marshall	Platte			✓			
Montrose	Henry		✓				
Mora	Benton						✓
Mount Hulda Towersite	Benton			✓			
Old Town Access	Bates			✓			
Osage Prairie	Vernon			✓			
Paint Brush Prairie	Pettis			✓			
Park, Guy B.	Platte		✓				
Parma Woods Range & Training Center	Platte		✓				
Peabody	Bates			✓			
Perry Memorial	Saline, Pettis, Johnson					✓	
Platte Falls	Platte		✓				
Poague	Henry	✓					
Ripgut Prairie	Bates						✓
Schell-Osage	Vernon, St. Clair		✓				
Settle's Ford	Bates, Cass		✓				
Sni-A-Bar	Lafayette		✓				
Taberville Prairie	St. Clair			✓			

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Truman Reservoir—Bethlehem	Henry	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Brownington	Henry	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Brush Creek	Benton	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Cedar Creek	Henry	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Cross Timbers	Hickory	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Deepwater Creek	Henry	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Gallinipper Creek	St. Clair	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Gouge Eye	Henry	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Grand River Bottoms	Henry	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Leesville	Henry	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Little Pomme de Terre	Benton	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Little Tebo Creek	Benton	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Sac-Osage	St. Clair	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Salt Creek	St. Clair	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Tebo Islands	Benton	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Upper Tebo Creek	Henry	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Valhalla	St. Clair	✓					
Truman Reservoir—Weaubleau Creek	St. Clair	✓					
Urich	Henry	✓					
Wah-Kon-Tah Prairie	St. Clair			✓			
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Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Ben Branch Lake	Osage	✓					
Bennitt, Rudolf	Boone, Howard, Randolph	✓					
Blind Pony Lake	Saline		✓				
Blue Lick	Saline		✓				

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Branch Towersite	Camden		✓				
Bruns Access	Osage	✓					
Burnt Mill Cave	Camden	✓					
Canaan	Gasconade						✓
Carpenter Memorial	Morgan	✓					
Clifty Creek	Maries						✓
Cooper Hill	Osage	✓					
Danville	Montgomery					✓	
Danville—Baldwin Annex	Montgomery					✓	
Danville—Thornhill & Schulze Annex	Montgomery					✓	
Davisdale	Howard					✓	
Diana Bend	Howard	✓					
Diggs	Audrain						✓
Eagle Bluffs	Boone		✓				
Earthquake Hollow	Callaway			✓			
Fiery Fork	Camden						✓
Franklin Island	Howard	✓					
Gale Access	Camden		✓				
Grand Bluffs	Montgomery		✓				
Hart Creek	Boone						✓
Hinkson Woods	Boone		✓				
Hite Prairie	Morgan		✓				
Honey Creek Access	Cole		✓				
Hungry Mother	Howard			✓			
Lamine River	Cooper, Morgan					✓	
Lick Creek	Boone						✓
Little Dixie Lake	Callaway		✓				
Loutre Lick Access	Montgomery			✓			
Lowe	Audrain		✓				
Madden Ford Access	Miller			✓			
Manito Lake	Morgan, Moniteau						✓
Mansfield	Camden		✓				
Marion Bottoms	Cole, Moniteau	✓					
Marshall Junction	Saline						✓
Moniteau Creek	Howard						✓
Moore's Mill Access	Callaway			✓			
Northcutt Memorial	Audrain			✓			

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Painted Rock	Osage						✓
Pikes Camp Access	Cole	✓					
Plowboy Bend	Moniteau						✓
Prairie Home	Moniteau, Cooper						✓
Proctor Towersite	Morgan			✓			
Reform	Callaway		✓				
Rinquelin Trail Community Lake	Maries			✓			
Rocky Fork Lakes	Boone			✓			
Rocky Mount Towersite	Miller		✓				
Saline Valley	Miller	✓					
Scrivner Road	Cole						✓
Smith	Moniteau, Cole			✓			
Smoky Waters	Osage, Cole	✓					
Spring Creek Gap	Maries						✓
Stringtown Bridge Access	Cole		✓				
Tate Island	Callaway	✓					
Three Creeks	Boone				✓		
Toronto Springs	Camden						✓
Tri-City Community Lake	Boone		✓				
Vandalia Community Lake	Audrain		✓				
Waters & Moss Memorial	Boone		✓				
Wellsville Lake	Montgomery			✓			
White	Audrain	✓					
Wigwam School Access	Morgan		✓				
Wilson Camp Access	Miller			✓			

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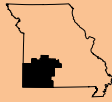
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Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Anderson Memorial	Crawford		✓				
Blue Springs Creek	Crawford	✓					
Bootleg Access	Washington	✓					
Catawissa	Franklin		✓				
Crooked Creek	Crawford	✓					

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Cuivre Island— Island portion only	Lincoln, St. Charles						✓
Cuivre Island— Mainland portion	Lincoln, St. Charles		✓				
Daniel Boone	Warren					✓	
Howell Island	St. Charles		✓				
Hughes Mountain	Washington	✓					
Huzzah	Crawford	✓					
Kessler Memorial	Lincoln		✓				
Keysville Towersite	Crawford	✓					
Kingston Access	Washington			✓			
LaBarque Creek	Jefferson		✓				
Leach Memorial	Lincoln		✓				
Little Indian Creek	Franklin, Washington					✓	
Little Lost Creek	Warren					✓	
Logan	Lincoln						✓
Long Ridge	Franklin					✓	
Meramec	Franklin	✓					
Meramec—Heynes Memorial Annex	Franklin	✓					
Merrill Horse Access	Jefferson		✓				
Pacific Palisades	Jefferson		✓				
Pea Ridge	Washington	✓					
Potosi Towersite	Washington	✓					
Prairie Slough	Pike, Lincoln		✓				
Redhorse Access	Franklin			✓			
Reifsnider	Warren					✓	
River 'Round	Franklin			✓			
Sandy Island	Lincoln	✓					
Sizemore Memorial	Crawford		✓				
Upper Mississippi— Dresser Island	St. Charles		✓				
Upper Mississippi— Pool 26 Tracts	St. Charles	✓					
Upper Mississippi— Stag, Sterling, West- port islands	Lincoln	✓					
Valley View Glades	Jefferson		✓				
Victoria Glades	Jefferson		✓				
Vonaventure Memorial	Lincoln		✓				
White Memorial	Lincoln						✓
Young	Jefferson		✓				

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** Area closed Oct. 10–11 for managed hunt.

<div> SOUTHWEST  (417) 895-6880 </div>							
Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Barclay	Dallas	✓					
Bear Creek	Laclede	✓					
Bennett Spring Access	Dallas		✓				
Berry Bluff	Dallas	✓					
Bethel Prairie	Barton			✓			
Bluff Springs	Cedar	✓					
Bois d'Arc**	Greene		✓				
Boston Ferry	Taney		✓				
Brush Creek	Polk	✓					
Buffalo Hills	McDonald					✓	
Buffalo Wallow Prairie	Barton			✓			
Bushwhacker Lake	Barton, Vernon			✓			
Busiek	Christian			✓			
Capps Creek	Newton			✓			
Charity Access	Dallas	✓					
Clear Creek	Vernon, Barton			✓			
Coffin Cave	Laclede			✓			
Compton Hollow	Webster						✓
Comstock Prairie	Barton			✓			
Cowskin Access	McDonald	✓					
Cross Timbers Access	Hickory	✓					
Dale Sare	Greene		✓				
Davis Memorial	Barton			✓			
Deep Ford Access	McDonald	✓					
Diamond Grove Prairie	Newton		✓				
Dorris Creek Prairie	Barton		✓				
Drury-Mincy*	Taney		✓				
Drynob Access	Laclede		✓				
Drywood	Barton		✓				
Fiddlers Ford Access	Dade		✓				
Flag Spring	McDonald, Barry						✓
Fort Crowder	Newton	✓					
Goodman Towersite	Newton	✓					
Goose Creek	Laclede	✓					
Hayes Spring	Stone	✓					
Holland	Stone	✓					


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Hollister Towersite	Taney	✓					
Horse Creek Prairie	Dade		✓				
Huckleberry Ridge	McDonald						✓
Indigo Prairie	Dade		✓				
Jessie Hollow	Stone	✓					
Kickapoo Prairie	Lawrence	✓					
Lanagan Towersite	McDonald	✓					
Lead Mine	Dallas						✓
Little Sac Woods	Greene						✓
Mary Lawson	Laclede	✓					
Monegaw Prairie	Cedar		✓				
Mo-No-I Prairie	Barton		✓				
Mon-Shon Prairie	Barton		✓				
Mule Shoe	Camden, Hickory	✓					
Murphy Memorial	Hickory	✓					
Neosho Towersite	Newton	✓					
Niangua	Webster	✓					
Osage Fork	Laclede		✓				
Pa Sole Prairie	Barton			✓			
Paris Springs Access	Lawrence	✓					
Phenix Access	Greene	✓					
Pilot Knob	Stone	✓					
Pleasant Hope	Polk					✓	
Pomme de Terre Lake Management Lands	Hickory, Polk	✓					
Powell Towersite	McDonald	✓					
Providence Prairie	Lawrence	✓					
Rader Access	Webster	✓					
Redwing Prairie	Barton		✓				
Risch	Barton			✓			
Roaring River	Barry	✓					
Rocky Barrens	Greene		✓				
Sentinel	Polk	✓					
Shawnee Trail	Barton			✓			
Sky Prairie	Cedar		✓				
Sloane	Dade		✓				
Stockton Lake—Big Sac Unit	Dade, Polk						✓

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Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Stockton Lake—Little Sac Unit	Dade, Polk			✓			
Stony Point Prairie	Dade			✓			
Stubblefield Access	Barry		✓				
Talbot**	Lawrence					✓	
Tipton Ford Access	Newton		✓				
Treaty Line Prairie	Barton		✓				
Turkey Creek	Cedar	✓					
Twenty-Five Mile Prairie	Polk			✓			
Williams Ford Access	Dallas	✓					
Wire Road	Stone			✓			
OZARK  (417) 256-7161							
Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Allen Memorial	Wright		✓				
Angeline	Shannon	✓					
Barn Hollow	Howell, Texas	✓					
Barnes	Texas	✓					
Beaver Creek	Phelps		✓				
Birch Creek	Shannon	✓					
Bohigian	Phelps	✓					
Brown	Dent		✓				
Bull Shoals Lake	Ozark	✓					
Buzzard Bluff Access	Wright	✓					
Cabool Towersite	Texas	✓					
Caney Mountain—outside fenced area	Ozark				✓		
Carter Creek	Carter				✓		
Cedar Gap	Wright	✓					
Cedar Grove	Dent	✓					
Clement Memorial Forest	Dent	✓					
Cover Memorial	Oregon	✓					
Cover Prairie	Howell		✓				
Davidson-Paris	Howell		✓				
Davis	Howell		✓				
Dixon Towersite	Pulaski		✓				
Eck	Texas		✓				
Fort Leonard Wood Towersite	Pulaski		✓				

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Fourche Creek— Compartment 7	Ripley		✓				
Fourche Creek— Excluding Compartment 7	Ripley					✓	
Fuson	Wright	✓					
Gasconade Hills	Pulaski	✓					
Gist Ranch	Texas	✓					
Grandin Towersite	Ripley	✓					
Hemenway	Ripley		✓				
Horseshoe Bend	Texas	✓					
Houston Towersite	Texas	✓					
Hunter Towersite	Carter	✓					
Hyer Woods	Dent		✓				
Indian Trail	Dent	✓					
Little Black	Ripley	✓					
Little Prairie	Phelps		✓				
Massengill	Douglas	✓					
Midvale	Texas	✓					
Montauk Towersite	Dent		✓				
Mountain View Towersite	Howell	✓					
Mudpuppy	Ripley	✓					
Norfork Lake	Ozark	✓					
Odin Access	Wright	✓					
Patrick Bridge Access	Ozark	✓					
Peck Ranch— Outside Fenced Portion	Shannon, Carter				✓		
Pilot Knob Towersite	Phelps		✓				
Piney River Narrows	Texas	✓					
Rippee	Douglas	✓					
Rocky Creek	Shannon	✓					
Rosati Towersite	Phelps		✓				
Rose Hill Towersite	Oregon	✓					
Roubidoux Creek	Pulaski		✓				
Sand Pond	Ripley		✓				
Shannon Ranch	Douglas	✓					
Short Bend Access	Dent		✓				
Sunklands	Shannon	✓					
Tecumseh Towersite	Ozark	✓					
Thomasville Towersite	Shannon	✓					
Timber Knob Towersite	Ozark	✓					

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Tingler Prairie	Howell	✓					
Twin Knobs Towersite	Douglas	✓					
Vanderhoef Memorial	Howell		✓				
Vera Cruz Access	Douglas	✓					
Warm Fork	Oregon	✓					
White State Forest Nursery	Texas	✓					
White Ranch	Howell				✓		
White River Trace	Dent		✓				
Woods Memorial	Phelps, Crawford		✓				
SOUTHEAST  (573) 290-5730							
Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Amidon Memorial	Bollinger	✓					
Apple Creek	Cape Girardeau					✓	
Aquilla Access	Stoddard	✓					
Big Cane	Butler	✓					
Bismarck	St. Francois,						✓
Black Island	Pemiscot					✓	
Buck Mountain	St. Francois	✓					
Buford Mountain	Iron, Washington	✓					
Carmichael	Butler	✓					
Cash Memorial	Dunklin			✓			
Cash Memorial— Largent Annex	Dunklin			✓			
Castor River	Bollinger	✓					
Cedar Mountain	Iron		✓				
Chalk Bluff Trail Access	Dunklin		✓				
Champion Springs	Reynolds	✓					
Clearwater	Reynolds	✓					
Clearwater Lake	Reynolds	✓					
Club Creek	Bollinger	✓					
Coldwater Access	Wayne	✓					
Coldwater	Wayne	✓					
Coon Island	Butler		✓				
Corkwood	Butler		✓				
Crowley's Ridge	Stoddard	✓					

See page 34 for the regulation key. For the full name, more details and maps of these areas that are owned or managed by the Conservation Department, contact the regional office or go to the website listed on the inside front cover.

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Current River	Shannon, Reynolds, Carter	✓					
Dark Cypress Swamp	Bollinger			✓			
Desoto	Pemiscot		✓				
Donaldson Point	New Madrid					✓	
Duck Creek north of Hwy. Z	Bollinger, Stoddard, Wayne	✓					
Duck Creek south of Hwy. Z	Bollinger, Stoddard, Wayne		✓				
Flatwoods	Wayne	✓					
Frisbee Cutoff Access	Dunklin		✓				
Funk Memorial	Iron	✓					
Gayoso Bend	Pemiscot					✓	
General Watkins	Scott					✓	
Gipsy Towersite	Bollinger		✓				
Girvin	New Madrid, Pemiscot			✓			
Grassy Towersite	Bollinger		✓				
Graves Mountain	Wayne, Iron	✓					
Hammer Memorial	Wayne			✓			
Hawn Access	Bollinger			✓			
Holly Ridge	Stoddard	✓					
Hornersville Swamp	Dunklin			✓			
Iron Bridge Access	Wayne		✓				
Ketcherside Mountain	Iron, Reynolds	✓					
Knob Lick Towersite	St. Francois		✓				
Lake Girardeau	Cape Girardeau		✓				
Little River	Dunklin, Pemiscot		✓				
Little Whitewater	Bollinger			✓			
Logan Creek	Shannon, Reynolds	✓					
Lon Sanders Canyon	Wayne		✓				
Magnolia Hollow	Ste. Genevieve					✓	
Maintz Wildlife Preserve	Cape Girardeau					✓	

Area Name	County	1	2	3	4	5	6
Marquand Access	Madison		✓				
Millstream Gardens	Madison	✓					
Oak Ridge	Stoddard	✓					
Old Plantation Access	Cape Girardeau		✓				
Poplar Bluff	Butler	✓					
Red Rock Landing	Perry					✓	
Riverside	Reynolds, Iron, Wayne	✓					
Sank	Bollinger			✓			
Seven Island	Mississippi			✓			
Seventy-Six	Perry					✓	
Sun	Butler	✓					
Sweetgum Access	Bollinger		✓				
Swift Ditch Access	New Madrid		✓				
Ten Mile Pond	Mississippi		✓				
Thompson Ford Access	Madison		✓				
Tywappity Towersite	Scott		✓				
University Forest	Wayne, Butler	✓					
Wappapello Reservoir	Wayne	✓					
Warbler Woods	Dunklin			✓			
Wilhelmina	Butler					✓	
Wolf Bayou	Pemiscot		✓				
Yokum School	Wayne	✓					



Hunter Ethics and Safety

According to the National Safety Council, hunting is a safe activity. In fact, hunting results in fewer injuries per 100,000 participants than do many other sports, including cycling, bowling, golf and tennis. However, as with any activity, you must always use good judgment and take responsibility for your actions. Deer and turkey hunters should follow safe, ethical hunting practices. These include:

- ▶ Be sure of your target and beyond before you shoot.
- ▶ Make sure your equipment is in good working condition and your firearm is properly sighted in.
- ▶ If you hunt from a tree stand, always wear a safety harness. Serious accidents occur annually when hunters fall from tree stands.
- ▶ If you hunt on private land, be sure to obtain permission from the landowner and respect his or her property as if it were your own. Scout the area you plan to hunt so you know where the boundaries, houses, roads, fences and livestock are located on the property.
- ▶ If you do not kill your deer or turkey instantly, make every effort to find the wounded animal. Permission is required to enter private land.
- ▶ Clean and care for your game properly.
- ▶ Pick up all litter including spent ammunition. Leaving an area better than the way you found it is a sign of thanks for the privilege of hunting.
- ▶ Report observed violations of the law to a conservation agent or local sheriff as soon as possible.
- ▶ If you are involved in a firearms-related accident, the law requires that you identify yourself and render assistance; failure to do so is a Class 'A' misdemeanor.
- ▶ Develop your skills and knowledge, and share them with others.
- ▶ Know and obey all wildlife laws.
- ▶ Know and follow the rules of gun safety.
- ▶ Respect the rights of hunters, nonhunters and landowners.
- ▶ Make every effort to retrieve and use all game.
- ▶ Respect the land and all wildlife.
- ▶ Be sensitive to others when displaying harvested game.
- ▶ Remember, hunting is not a competitive sport.

Help catch wildlife violators

Each year conservation agents spend time tracking down poachers who disregard regulations protecting wildlife. Here are some of the illegal activities that agents dealt with last year:

- ▶ hunting from the road
- ▶ disposing of carcasses and other body parts in streams, rivers, ponds and lakes
- ▶ harvesting a deer or turkey and putting someone else's transportation tag on it
- ▶ using a spotlight to harvest deer or turkey

If you see someone involved in these or any illegal activities, call **Operation Game Thief toll-free 1-800-392-1111**. Program the number into your cell phone so you can act fast.

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1-800-392-1111

Rewards are available for information leading to the arrest of game-law violators. Information can be provided anonymously by dialing the toll-free hotline number. All information is kept in strict confidence.

If you see a possible poaching violation in progress, immediately call your conservation agent, sheriff or the toll-free hotline number. Help put game thieves out of business.

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Hunters Donated 1.9 Million Pounds of Venison through the



The Share the Harvest program in Missouri provides a way for deer hunters to donate venison to the needy. This program is administered by the Conservation Federation of Missouri and the Missouri Department of Conservation. During

the 2008 deer seasons, 4,690 hunters donated 262,798 pounds of venison. As of February 2009, this program has coordinated the donation of more than 1.9 million pounds of venison, which equals more than 7.6 million quarter-pound burgers.

Donating is easy. Hunters who want to participate simply take their deer to an approved meat processor (listed below) and let the processor know how much venison they wish to donate. The processor will package the meat, which will be picked up by the local sponsoring organization and taken to a participating charitable agency for distribution.

The cost of processing the deer is the responsibility of the hunter. There are, however, funds available to help with processing cost when a whole deer is donated. The entire processing cost is paid by the Conservation Federation of Missouri and local sponsors during the urban zones portion of

County	Company Name	City	Work Phone
Andrew	Hickory Hills	Amazonia	(816) 324-5019
Audrain	Mexico Meat Market LLC	Mexico	(573) 581-1333
Benton	Jackman's Meat Processing	Warsaw	(417) 998-6488
Bollinger	Elderland Meats	Zalma	(573) 722-3622
Boone	Crane's Meat Processing	Ashland	(573) 657-2501
	Tunes's Locker Plant	Centralia	(573) 682-2517
	Wolf Deer Processing	Centralia	(573) 682-1507
Buchanan	Clark's Custom Meat Co.	St Joseph	(816) 364-3728
Butler	The Deep Freeze	Poplar Bluff	(573) 785-2327
Callaway	Hartman's Custom Meat Processing	New Bloomfield	(573) 491-3877
	R&R Processing	Auxvasse	(573) 386-2273
Camden	Larry's Meat Market	Sunrise Beach	(573) 374-8350
	Tom's Slaughter & Meat Processing	Montreal	(573) 346-5233
Cape Girardeau	Reis Meat Processing	Pocahontas	(573) 833-6281
Carroll	Carroll County Locker	Carrollton	(660) 973-2352
	Hale Locker Plant	Hale	(660) 565-2415
Cass	Cass County Meat Co.	Peculiar	(816) 779-6224
Cedar	R, S & C Processing	El Dorado Springs	(417) 876-2077
Chariton	Salisbury Meat Market & Processing	Salisbury	(660) 388-5816
Christian	Oldfield Packing LLC	Oldfield	(417) 634-3943
	Ozark Mt. Meats	Ozark	(417) 581-2449
Clark	Kahoka Meat Processing	Kahoka	(660) 727-3433
Clinton	John's Country Meat Market	Cameron	(816) 632-7666
	Paradise Meat Locker Plant	Trimble	(816) 370-6328
Cole	Russellville Locker	Russellville	(573) 782-4613
Crawford	Davis Meat Service	Steelville	(573) 775-2531
	Heintz Processing	Cuba	(573) 732-9938
Dade	Lockwood Packing Co.	Lockwood	(417) 232-4401

County	Company Name	City	Work Phone
Dallas	Owen Meat Processing	Urbana	(417) 993-4400
	Shrocks Country Butchering	Buffalo	(417) 345-4342
Davies	Stoney Ridge Custom Processing	Jamesport	(660) 684-6850
Dent	Brink's Processing	Salem	(573) 729-7278
Franklin	Beaufort Meat Processing	Leslie	(573) 484-3312
	Ed's Meat Market	Washington	(636) 239-6640
	Williams Bros. Meat Processing	Washington	(636) 239-2183
	Zerna's Meat Co.	Labadie	(636) 742-4190
Gasconade	Heberle's Packing Co.	Hermann	(573) 486-2795
	Swiss Meat & Sausage	Hermann	(573) 486-2086
Gentry	Edson's Processing	Stanberry	(660) 783-2121
Greene	J&L Custom Processing	Walnut Grove	(417) 788-2200
	Turner Meat Processing	Fair Grove	(417) 759-2032
Grundy	Bob White's Processing	Edinburg	(660) 789-2321
Harrison	Thomas Farm Quality Meats	Ridgeway	(660) 872-6716
Henry	Hetherington Meat Processor	Clinton	(660) 885-4409
	Remer Meat Co.	Clinton	(660) 885-8335
Hickory	Hays Processing	Quincy	(417) 282-6733
Holt	Dungan's B&B Meats	Oregon	(660) 446-2538
Howard	Jack Carter	Fayette	(660) 248-1738
Howell	Barnett Meat Processing	West Plains	(417) 256-3261
	West Plains Processing	West Plains	(417) 256-4575
Jackson	The Store	Raytown	(816) 356-8900
Jasper	Cloud's Meat Processing & Smoking	Carthage	(417) 358-7639
	Taylor's Processing	Webb City	(417) 673-1717
Jefferson	Dittmer Meat Packing Inc.	Dittmer	(636) 285-9090
	John's Butcher Shoppe Inc.	Festus	(636) 931-7776
Johnson	Alewell's Country Meats	Warrensburg	(660) 747-8261
	Gilbert Meat Locker	Holden	(816) 732-6431

Share the Harvest Program

the firearms season for whole deer donations. During all other portions and seasons, the Conservation Federation of Missouri administers a state-wide program that directly reimburses the processor a pre-determined amount for each whole deer donated. That allows the processor to reduce the processing fee to the hunter at the time of donation. In addition, many processors have local money available that allows the deer to be donated free or at greatly reduced cost. **Be sure to contact individual processors to determine what funds are available at that particular location.**

State-wide sponsors of the cost-reduction program include

Missouri Department of Conservation, Shelter Insurance, Bass Pro Shops, the Conservation Federation of Missouri, William T. Kemper Foundation, Green Foundation, J.B. Reynolds Foundation, Missouri Chapter Whitetails Unlimited, Missouri Chapter Safari Club International, Missouri Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation and Drury Hotels. Whole deer donations last year approached 5,000.

To learn more about the program or to find out how your organization can become involved, contact the Conservation Department at (573) 522-4115 or the Conservation Federation of Missouri at (573) 634-2322.

County	Company Name	City	Work Phone
Laclede	East 32 Meat Processing	Lebanon	(417) 588-2329
	Spring Valley Meat Processing	Conway	(417) 589-3633
Lafayette	Alma Locker Plant	Alma	(660) 674-2231
	Higginsville Processing Plant	Higginsville	(660) 584-3550
	Nadlers Locker Plant	Wellington	(816) 240-8124
Lawrence	Aurora's Grand Meat Co.	Aurora	(417) 678-3902
	J & J Processing	Pierce City	(417) 476-5451
	St. Susane Food Pantry	Mount Vernon	
Lewis	Lumley Locker	LaBelle	(660) 213-3373
Lincoln	Brown's Processing	Elsberry	(573) 384-5284
	Brown's Smokehouse Meats	Winfield	(636) 566-6112
Linn	King Processing Co.	Marceline	(660) 376-2640
	Meadville Locker	Meadville	(660) 938-4318
	Purdin Processing	Purdin	(660) 244-3888
	Sprague's Locker	Brookfield	(660) 258-5148
Livingston	Chula Custom Processing	Chula	(660) 973-2916
	Singer Locker Service	Chillicothe	(660) 646-0951
Macon	Special D Meats	Macon	(660) 385-2141
Maries	Morelands Processing	St. James	(573) 699-4360
	The Butcher Shop	Vienna	(573) 744-5888
Marion	Hannibal Custom Processing	Hannibal	(573) 221-8999
	Walnut Hill Farms	Philadelphia	(573) 439-5945
Moniteau	Clennin's Meats	California	(573) 796-2580
Montgomery	Davis Meat Processor	Jonesburg	(636) 488-5227
Newton	Hatfield's Meats	Neosho	(417) 624-3765
Nodaway	Barnard Processing	Barnard	(660) 652-3810
Osage	Scherf Meat Processing	Loose Creek	(573) 897-9930
Ozark	Randall Vaught	Gainesville	(417) 679-2376
Pemiscot	Pemiscot County Packing Co.	Wardell	(573) 628-3401

County	Company Name	City	Work Phone
Perry	Stonie's Sausage Shop	Perryville	(573) 547-2540
Pettis	Kempf's Custom Processing	Sedalia	(660) 826-2898
	Rays Processing	Otterville	(660) 343-5766
Phelps	Steve-n-Sons Meat Processing	Newburg	(573) 762-2237
Pike	Hiltys Custom Butchering	Bowling Green	
	L & M Processing	Bowling Green	(573) 324-2275
	Woods Smoked Meats	Bowling Green	(573) 324-2247
Ralls	Center Locker Service	Center	(573) 267-3343
	Four Quarter Processing	Perry	(573) 565-2622
Randolph	Gravitt's Processing	Jacksonville	(660) 295-4289
	Moberly Custom Meat Processing	Moberly	(660) 651-9472
Saline	Smith's Food Bank	Slater	(660) 529-3451
Schuyler	Robert Aldridge	Queen City	(660) 766-2582
Scotland	Rutledge Meat Locker	Rutledge	(660) 883-5358
Shelby	Garretson Meat Processing	Shelbina	(573) 588-4070
St. Charles	Dan's Country Meats	New Melle	(636) 828-5266
	Josephville Meat Processing	Wentzville	(636) 327-5455
St. Louis	G & W Sausage	St. Louis	(314) 352-5066
	John's Butcher Shoppe	St Louis	(314) 423-8066
	Mateker's Meat Shop	St Louis	(314) 842-4100
	Max's Meats & Deli	Florissant	(314) 831-6164
Ste. Genevieve	St. Genevieve Butcher Shop	Ste Genevieve	(573) 883-2543
Stoddard	Meat Shop	Advance	(573) 722-9895
Sullivan	Tucker's Grocers & Processing	Green Castle	(660) 874-5145
Texas	Cummins Custom Meats	Licking	(573) 674-3501
Warren	Wright City Meat Co.	Wright City	(636) 745-3331
Webster	Gibson Packing	Seymour	(417) 935-4657
Wright	Forrest Meat Processing Inc.	Norwood	(417) 746-4111

Deer and Turkey Seasons at a Glance

Season	Dates	Locations	Methods	Required to Wear Hunter Orange
Archery Deer & Turkey	Sept. 15–Nov. 13 Nov. 25–Jan. 15	Statewide	1	In open areas during the urban zones, youth and antlerless portions
Firearms Deer Urban Zones Portion	Oct. 9–12	See page 12 for zones	1, 2, 3, 4	Yes
Firearms Turkey	Oct. 1–31	In 107 counties See page 10	1, 5	Oct. 9–12 in areas open during urban zones portion
Early Firearms Deer Youth Portion	Oct. 31–Nov. 1	Statewide	1, 2, 3, 4	Yes
Firearms Deer November Portion	Nov. 14–24	Statewide	1, 2, 3, 4	Yes
Firearms Deer Antlerless Portion	Nov. 25–Dec. 6	See page 13	1, 2, 3, 4	Yes
Firearms Deer Muzzleloader Portion	Dec. 19–29	Statewide	2	Yes
Late Firearms Deer Youth Portion	Jan. 2–3	Statewide	1, 2, 3, 4	Yes

Methods

1. Longbow, recurve bow or compound bow
2. Muzzleloading or cap-and-ball firearms .40 caliber or larger capable of firing only a single projectile
3. Centerfire pistols, revolvers and rifles; shotguns with slugs only; crossbow
4. Air-powered gun, .40 caliber or larger, charged only from an external high compression power source (external hand pump, air tank, or air compressor)
5. Shotgun only with shot not larger than No. 4

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